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THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!
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SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
SEGA

COMINGS AND GOINGS

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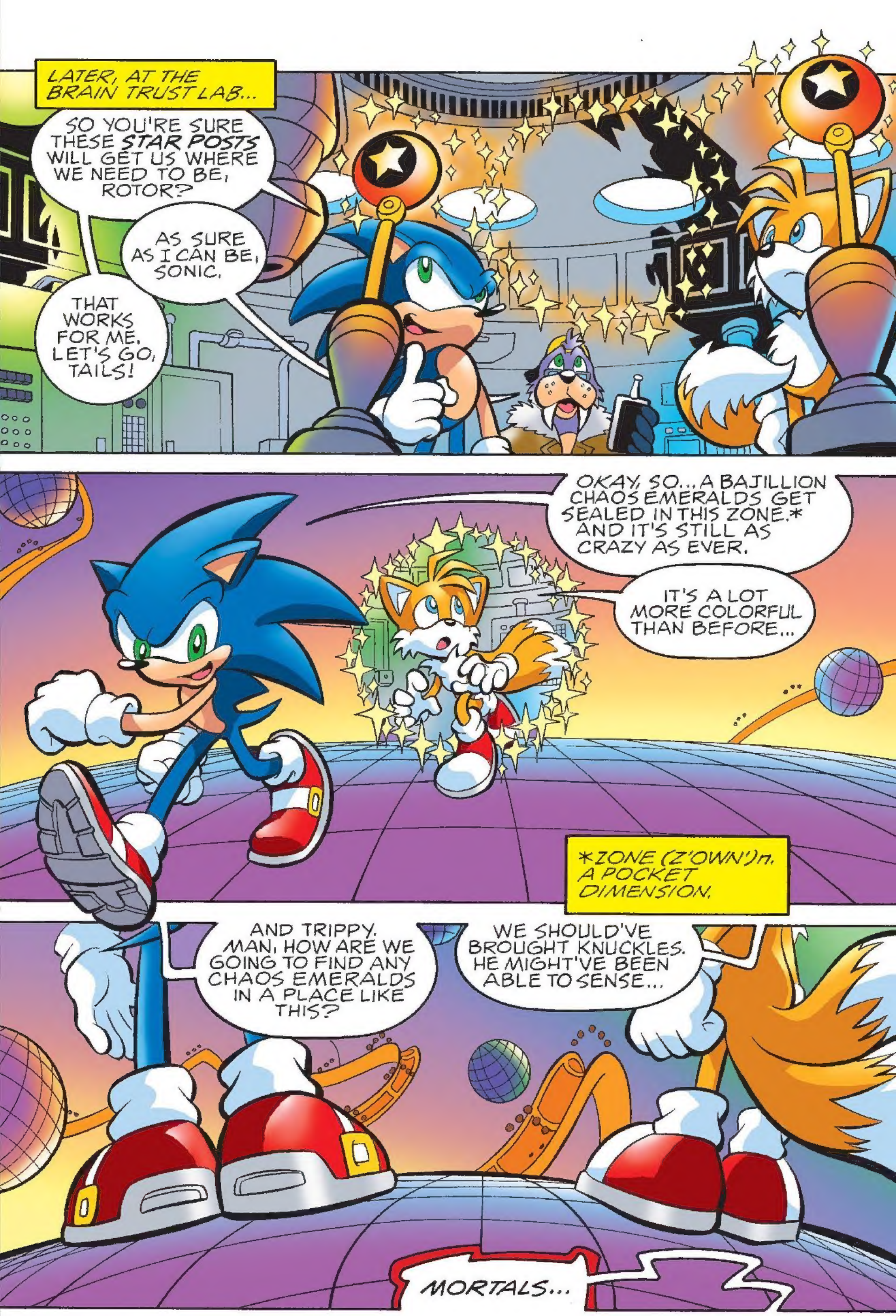
MY FATHER HAS LOST SO MUCH DURING HIS LIFE. HIS KINGDOM, HIS FAMILY, AND NOW HE CAN'T EVEN WAKE UP... AFTER WE'VE SEEN SO MUCH LOSS, I CAN'T JUST LET HIM GO. DOCTOR QUACK SAYS THE MACHINE HE AND SIR CHARLES BUILT MIGHT BRING DAD OUT OF HIS COMA... BUT IT WOULD NEED A CHAOS EMERALD TO GIVE IT ENOUGH POWER.

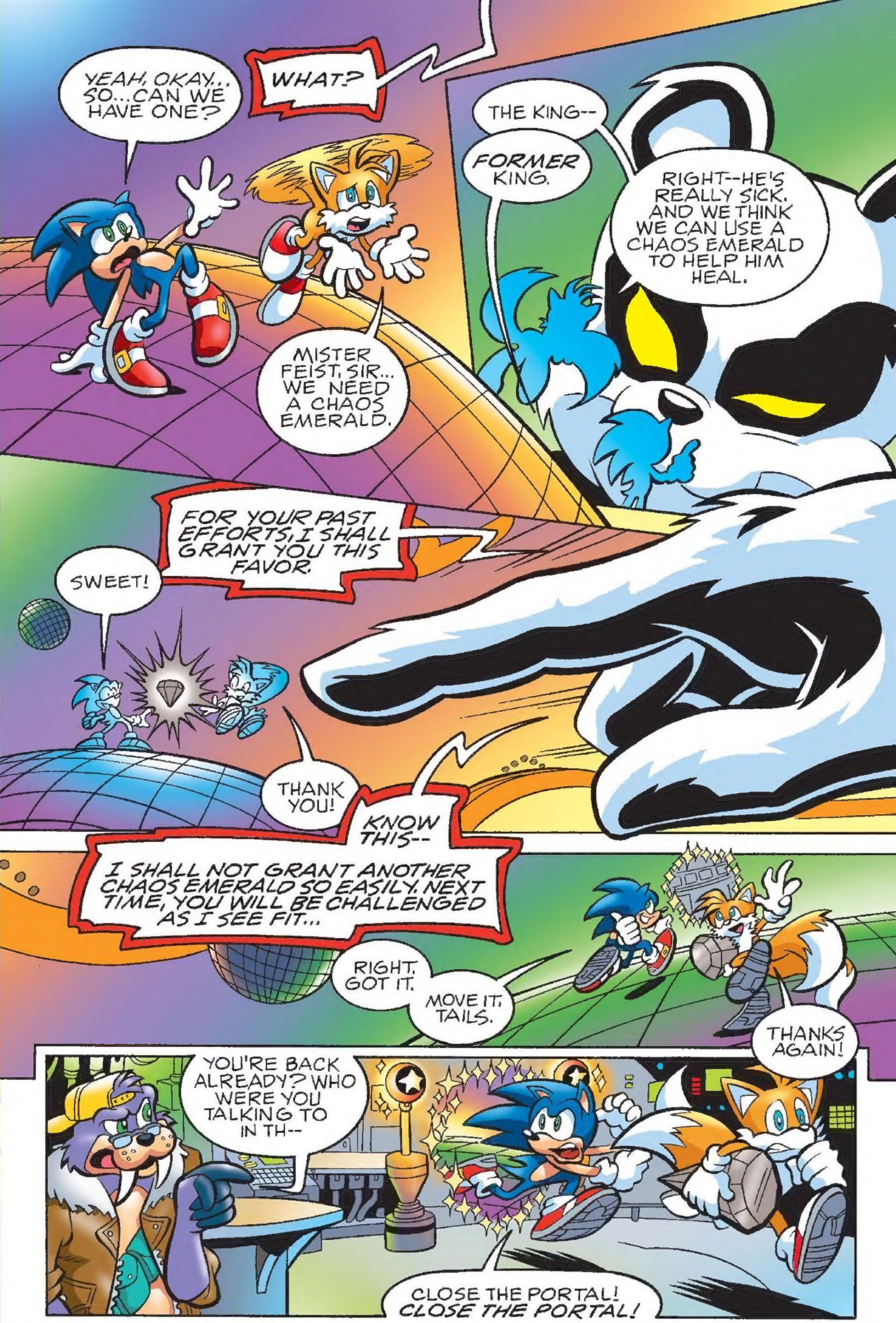
DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING, SALLY. ROTOR AND TAILS RIGGED UP SOMETHING THAT SHOULD MAKE EMERALD-GRABBING A WALK IN THE PARK. OR RUN, IN MY CASE.

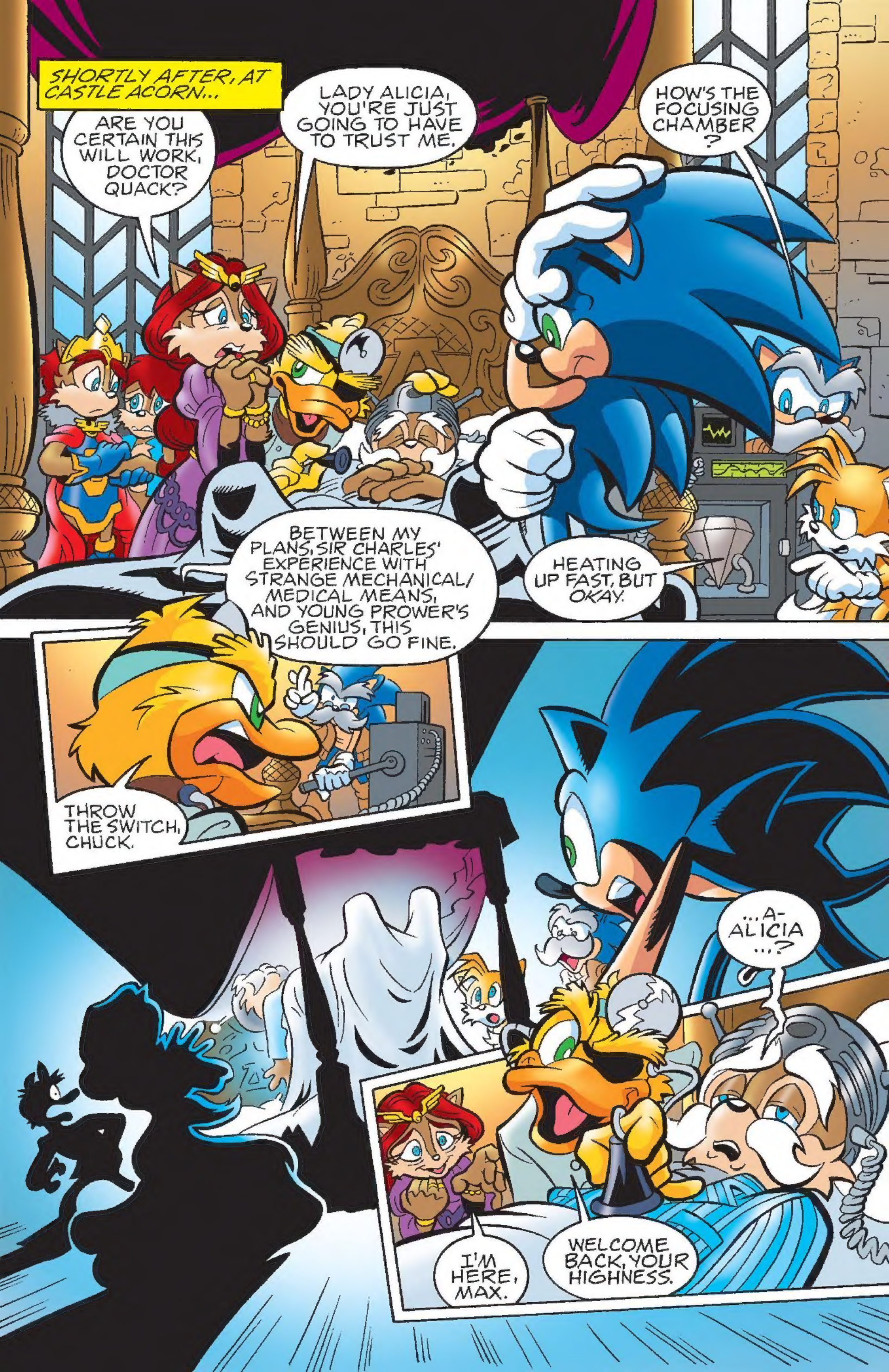
IN THEORY, AT LEAST. BUT WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN.

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE MISSING YOUR FAMILY... AND NOT ABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

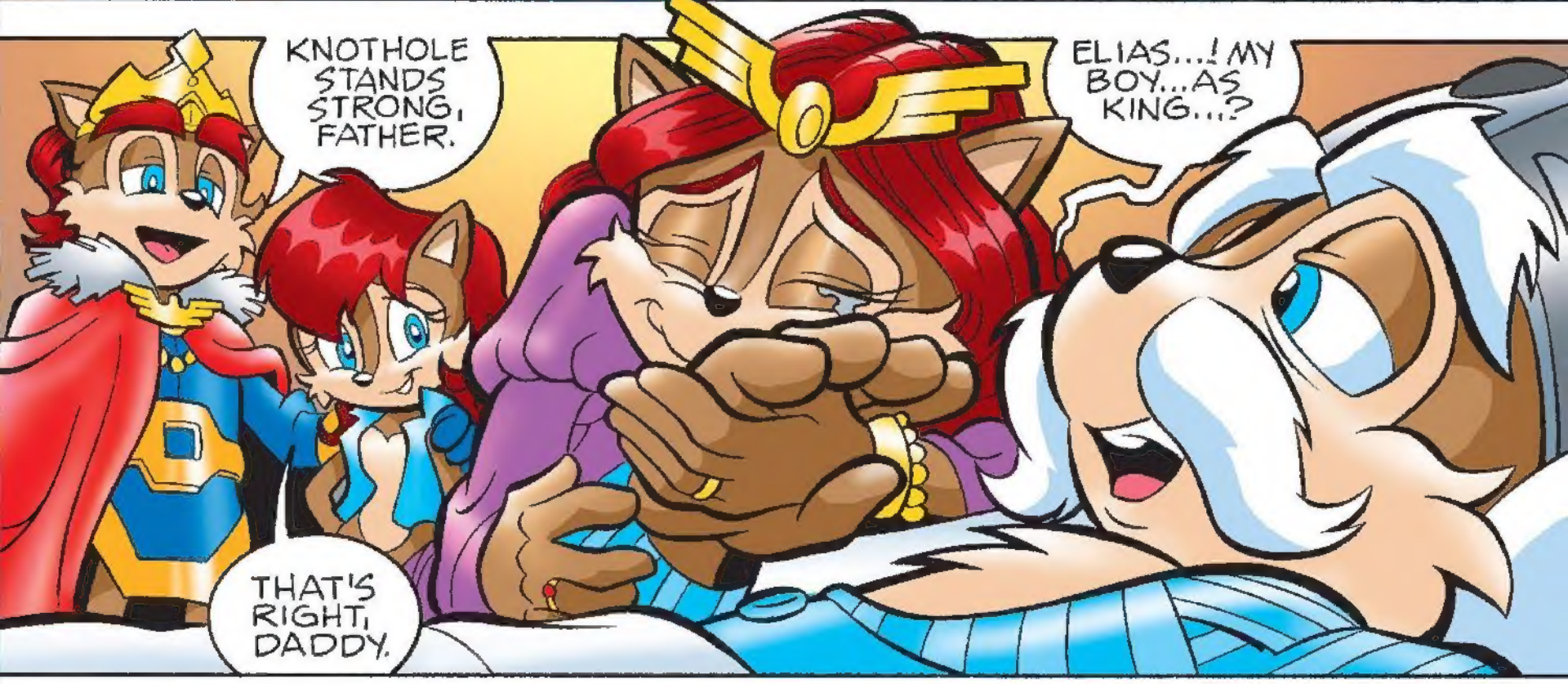

LATER, AT THE BRAIN TRUST LAB...
SO YOU'RE SURE THESE STAR POSTS WILL GET US WHERE WE NEED TO BE, ROTOR?
AS SURE AS I CAN BE, SONIC.
THAT WORKS FOR ME. LET'S GO, TAILS!
OKAY, SO... A BAJILLION CHAOS EMERALDS GET SEALED IN THIS ZONE.* AND IT'S STILL AS CRAZY AS EVER.
IT'S A LOT MORE COLORFUL THAN BEFORE...
*ZONE (Z'OWN')n. A POCKET DIMENSION.
AND TRIPPY. MAN, HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND ANY CHAOS EMERALDS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
WE SHOULD'VE BROUGHT KNUCKLES. HE MIGHT'VE BEEN ABLE TO SENSE...
MORTALS...

...YOU SHALL BE JUDGED BY FEIST.
SONIC! WHAT IS ...?!
I REMEMBER THIS DUDE FROM A LONG WHILE BACK.* GET READY TO RUN, BUDDY.
FEAR NOT, FOR I JUDGE IN FAVOR OF THEE.
...OH, REALLY?
YES, TRULY. ON MANY OCCASIONS, I HAVE SEEN YOU COMBAT MY FORMER MASTER IXIS NAUGUS. AND IT WAS YOU, CHOSEN ONE, WHO SENT THE CHAOS EMERALDS INTO THIS ZONE, GIVING ME MY POWER.
*SEE THE ADVENTURE WAY BACK IN STH #43!
WAS THAT A GOOD THING?
SSHH! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CHAOS EMERALDS?
I SHAPED THEIR POWER AND GAVE THEM FORM. THERE ARE NOW SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS. WITH THEIR POWER, I MAY SHAPE AND RESHAPE THIS PLACE.


YEAH, OKAY... SO...CAN WE HAVE ONE?
WHAT?
THE KING--
FORMER KING.
RIGHT--HE'S REALLY SICK. AND WE THINK WE CAN USE A CHAOS EMERALD TO HELP HIM HEAL.
MISTER FEIST, SIR... WE NEED A CHAOS EMERALD.
FOR YOUR PAST EFFORTS, I SHALL GRANT YOU THIS FAVOR.
SWEET!
THANK YOU!
KNOW THIS--
I SHALL NOT GRANT ANOTHER CHAOS EMERALD SO EASILY. NEXT TIME, YOU WILL BE CHALLENGED AS I SEE FIT...
RIGHT. GOT IT.
MOVE IT, TAILS.
THANKS AGAIN!
YOU'RE BACK ALREADY? WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO IN TH--
CLOSE THE PORTAL! CLOSE THE PORTAL!

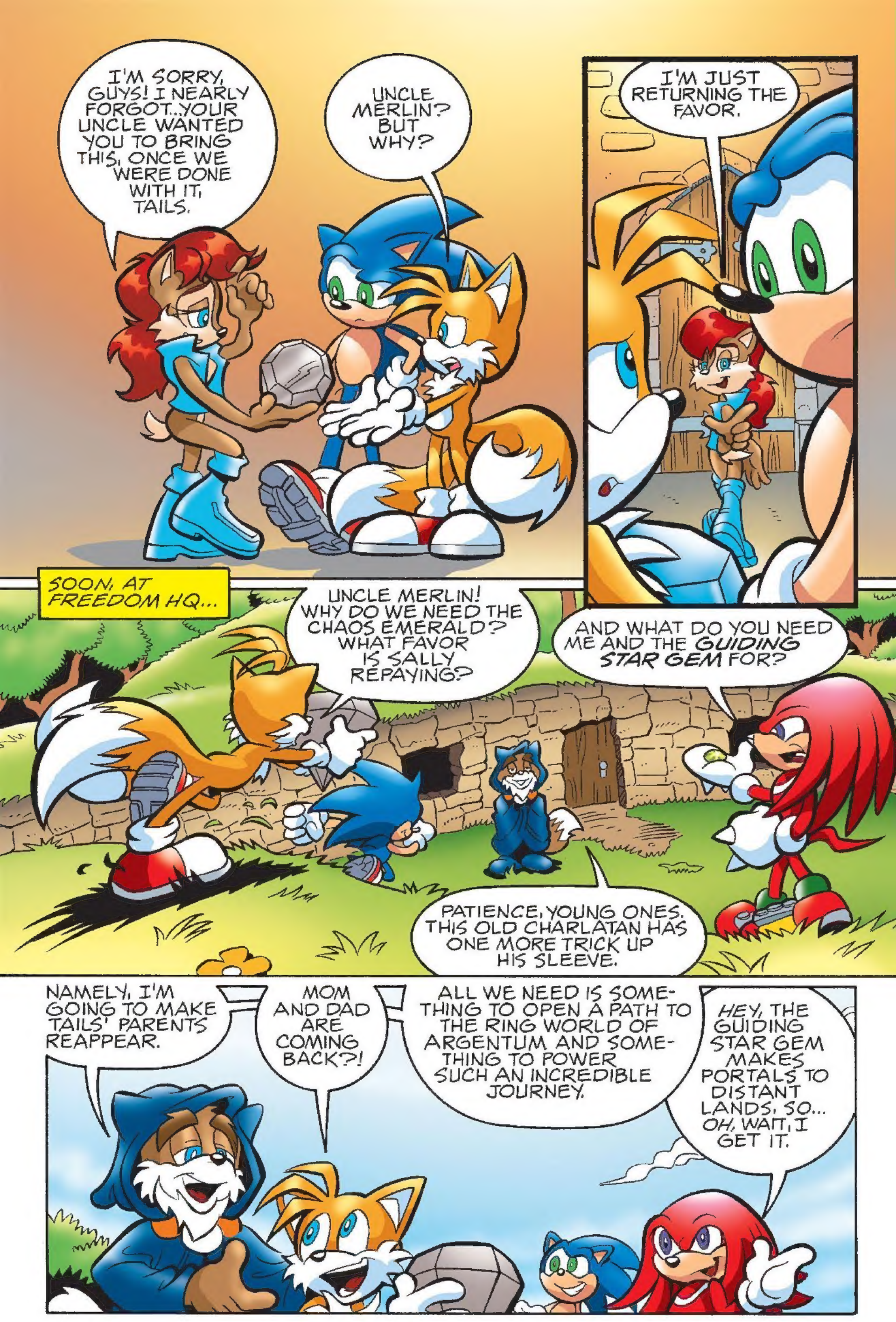

SHORTLY AFTER, AT CASTLE ACORN...
ARE YOU CERTAIN THIS WILL WORK, DOCTOR QUACK?
LADY ALICIA, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO TRUST ME.
HOW'S THE FOCUSING CHAMBER?
BETWEEN MY PLANS, SIR CHARLES' EXPERIENCE WITH STRANGE MECHANICAL/MEDICAL MEANS, AND YOUNG PROWER'S GENIUS, THIS SHOULD GO FINE.
HEATING UP FAST, BUT OKAY.
THROW THE SWITCH, CHUCK.
...A-ALICIA...?
I'M HERE, MAX.
WELCOME BACK, YOUR HIGHNESS.

HOW...
A MIRACLE OF SCIENCE AND MAGIC, SIR. YOU SEE, WITH THE CHAOS EMERALD, WE...
NO...HOW... STANDS THE KINGDOM?

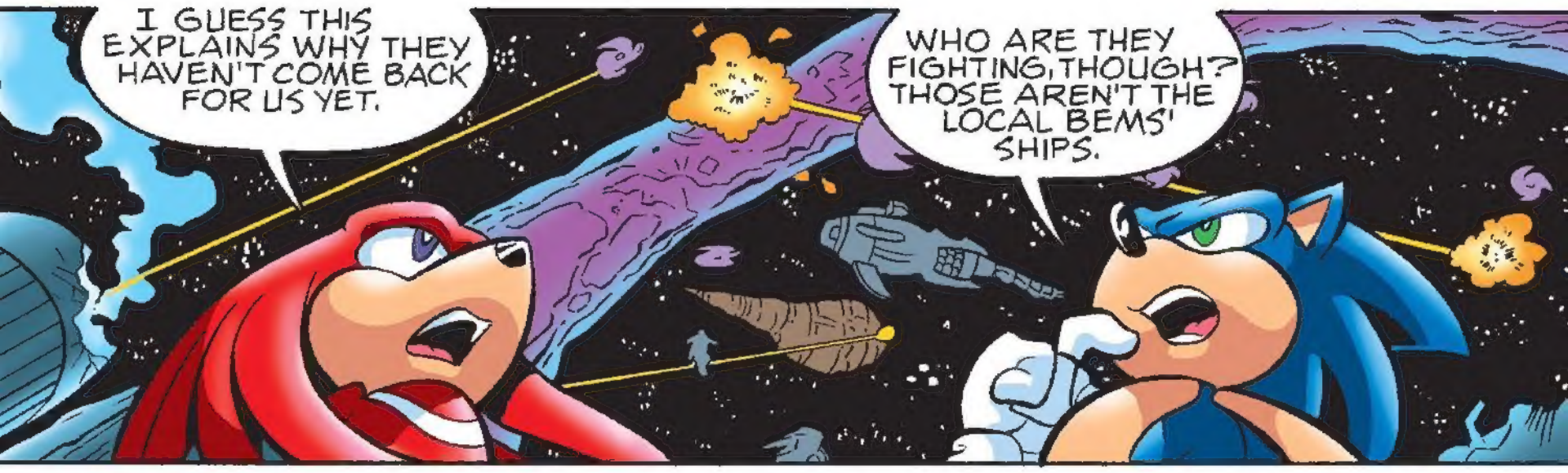

KNOTHOLE STANDS STRONG, FATHER.
ELIAS...! MY BOY...AS KING...?
THAT'S RIGHT, DADDY.

AND YOU, MY LITTLE BEAN?
I...I'M WITH FREEDOM HQ NOW.
WHERE?
OUR OLD, RENOVATED HEADQUARTERS. IT'S WHERE WE'RE FIGHTING FROM NOW.

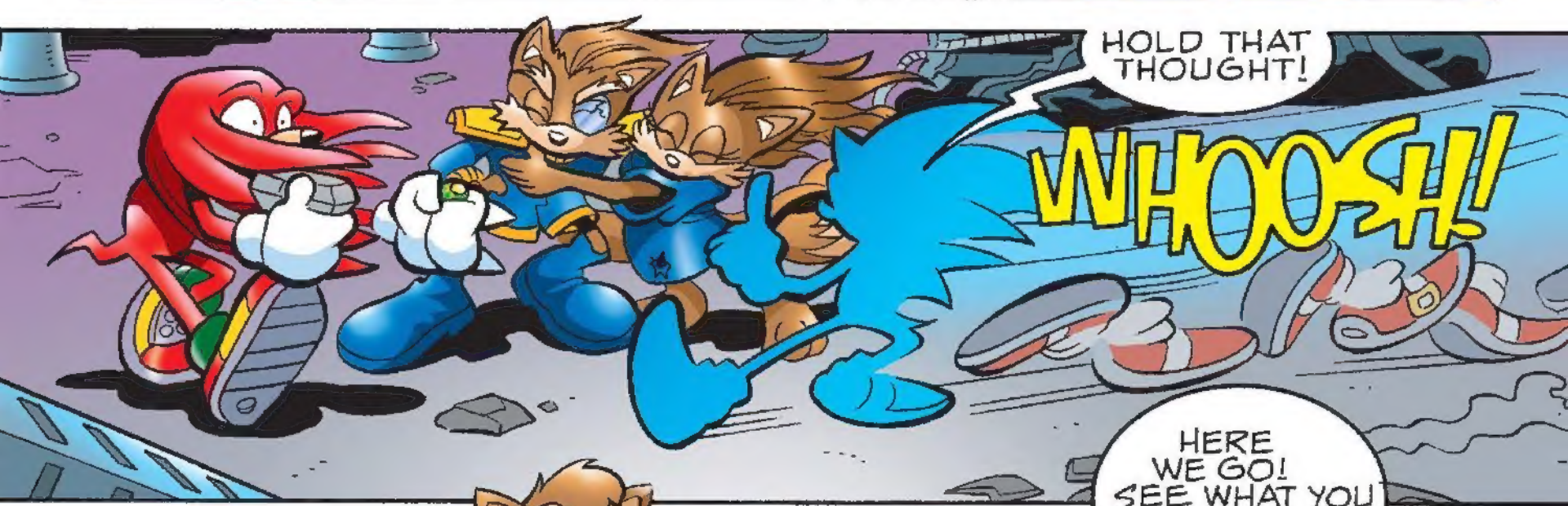
THAT WAS SOME NICE WORK BACK THERE, BUD.
THANKS, SONIC. YOU, TOO.
HOLD ON!

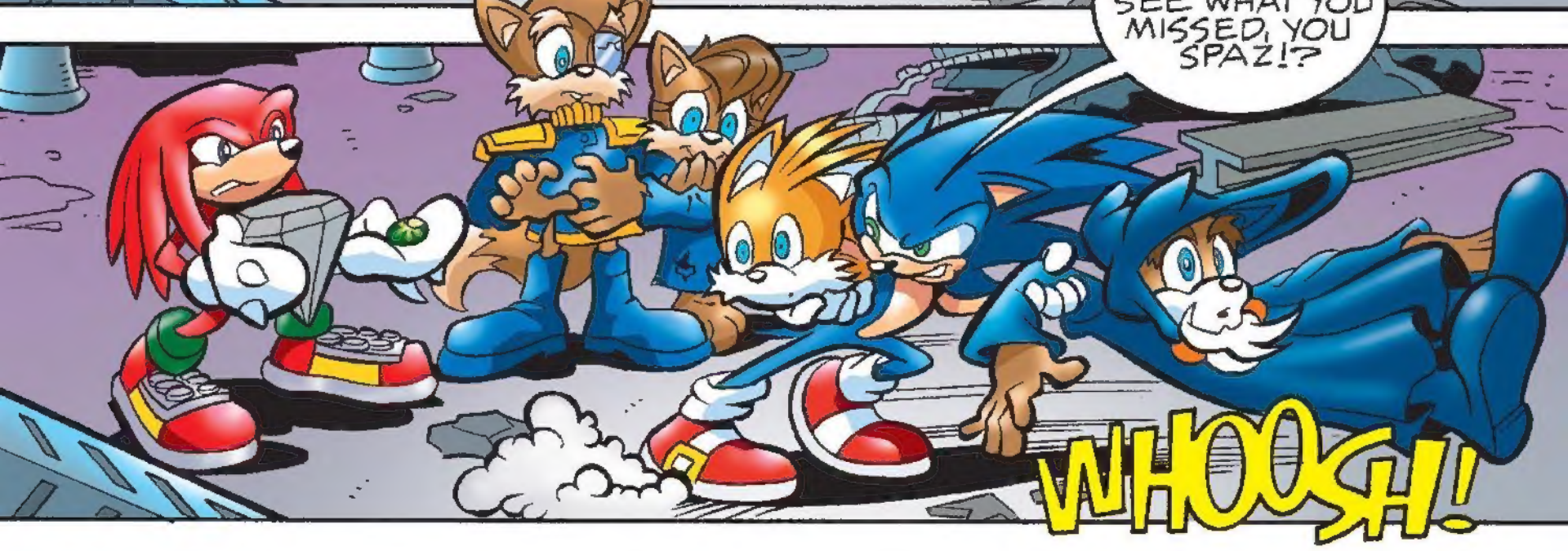

I'M SORRY, GUYS! I NEARLY FORGOT...YOUR UNCLE WANTED YOU TO BRING THIS, ONCE WE WERE DONE WITH IT, TAILS.
UNCLE MERLIN? BUT WHY?
I'M JUST RETURNING THE FAVOR.
SOON, AT FREEDOM HQ...
UNCLE MERLIN! WHY DO WE NEED THE CHAOS EMERALD? WHAT FAVOR IS SALLY REPAYING?
AND WHAT DO YOU NEED ME AND THE GUIDING STAR GEM FOR?
PATIENCE, YOUNG ONES. THIS OLD CHARLATAN HAS ONE MORE TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE.
NAMELY, I'M GOING TO MAKE TAILS' PARENTS REAPPEAR.
MOM AND DAD ARE COMING BACK?!
ALL WE NEED IS SOMETHING TO OPEN A PATH TO THE RING WORLD OF ARGENTUM AND SOMETHING TO POWER SUCH AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY.
HEY, THE GUIDING STAR GEM MAKES PORTALS TO DISTANT LANDS, SO... OH, WAIT, I GET IT.

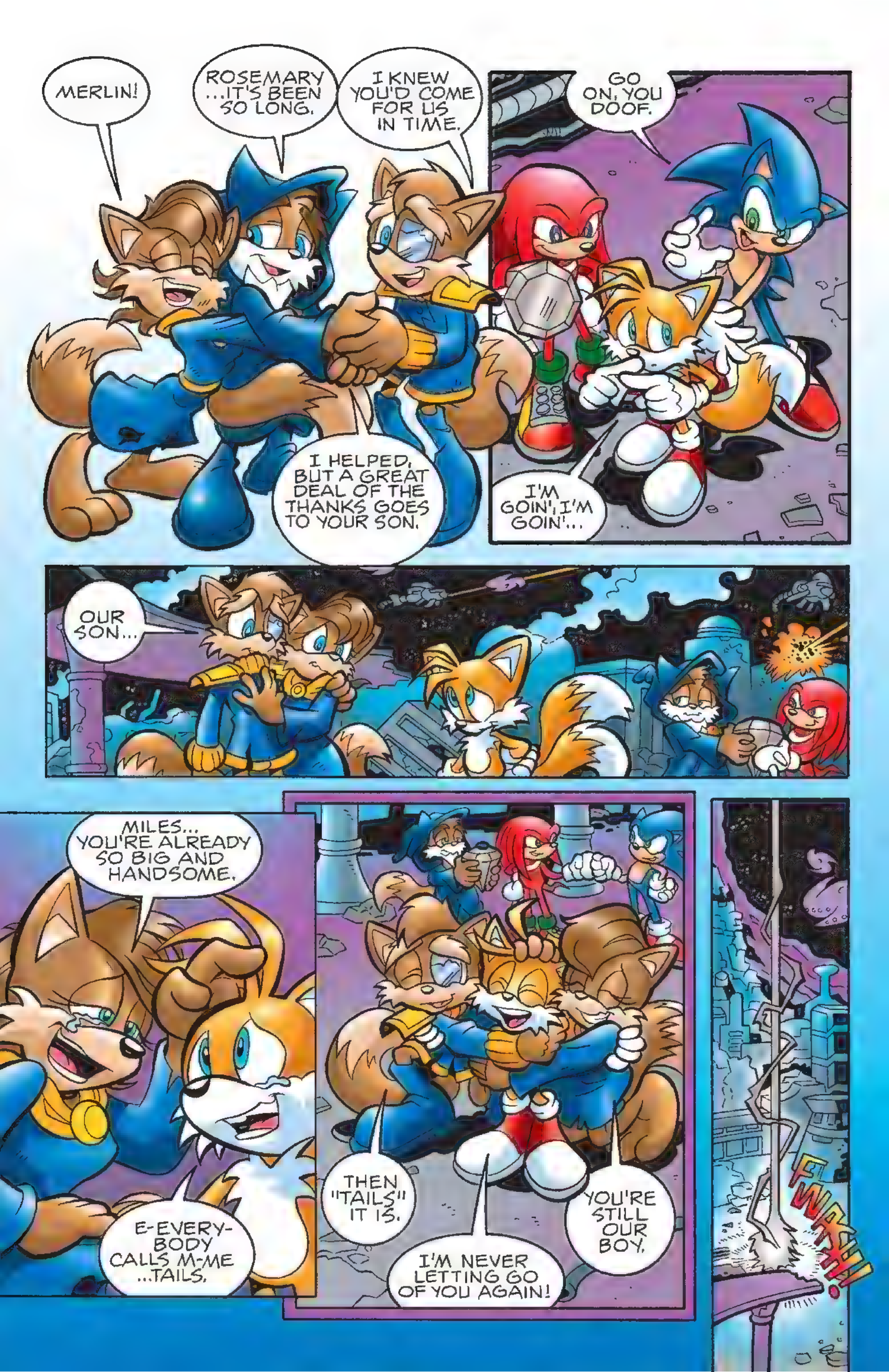
KNUCKLES, GUIDE THE ENERGIES FOR US. TAILS, REACH OUT WITH YOUR HEART AND FIND THEM. I WILL HELP KEEP US INTACT. SONIC...HOLD ON TO SOMETHING.
YEAH, YEAH, WISH I KNEW WHERE MY GIRL FIONA WAS. SHE MIGHT'VE ENJOYED THIS.
FWASH!
FWASH!
HOLY--THIS IS NOT HOW I LEFT THIS PLACE!*
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
...OH, NO...
*SONIC WAS LAST ON ARGENTUM IN STH # 129.
MOM!!! DAD!!!
OOOOH SNAP. KNUCKLES, DO YOU RECOGNIZE THOSE SPACESHIPS?
THE XORDA. **
TAILS! WAIT!
**ALIENS THAT HAVE TRIED TO DESTROY MOBIUS--TWICE!


I GUESS THIS EXPLAINS WHY THEY HAVEN'T COME BACK FOR US YET.
WHO ARE THEY FIGHTING, THOUGH? THOSE AREN'T THE LOCAL BEMS' SHIPS.

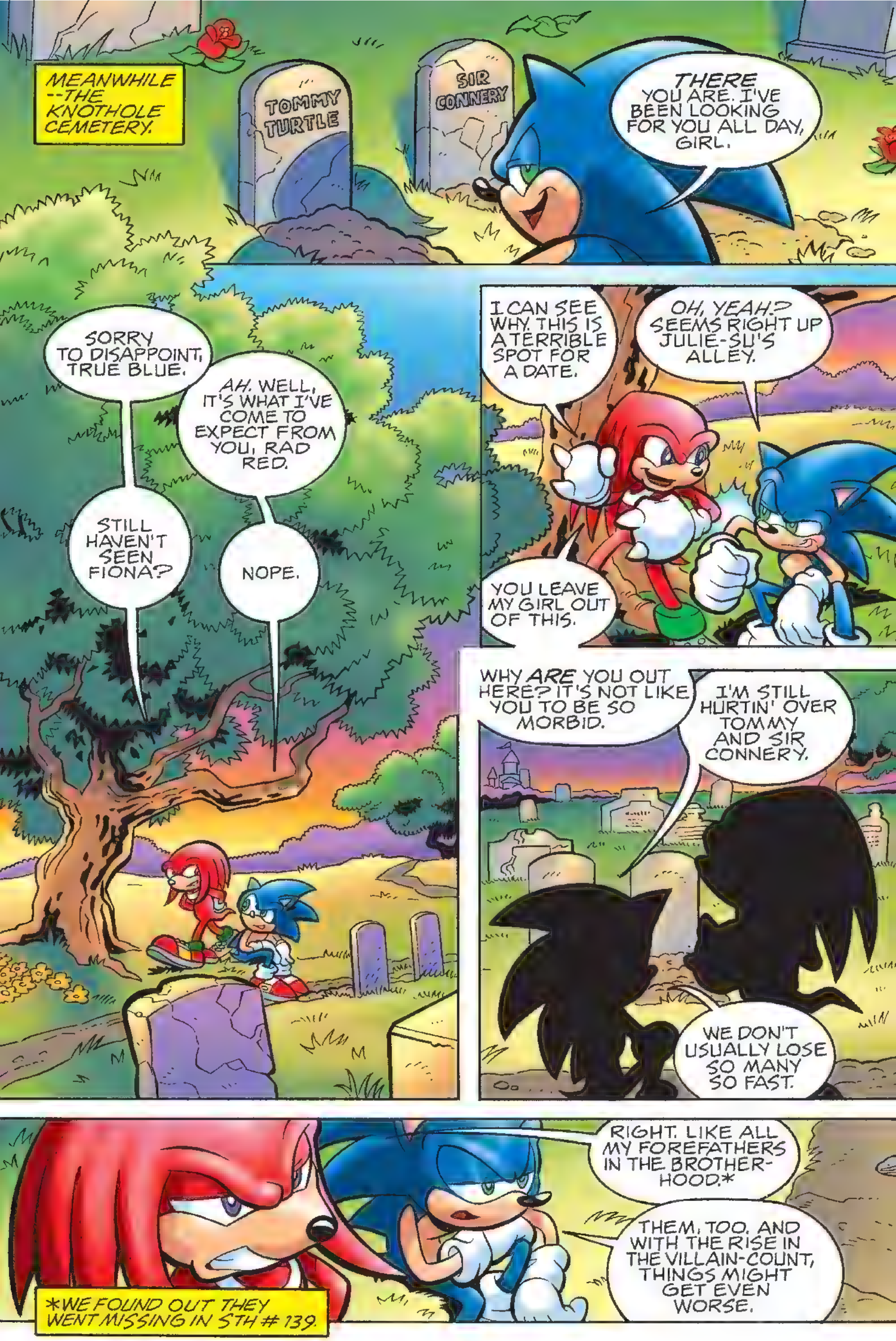
THEY'RE THE BLACK ARMS, AND THEY ARE JUST AS BAD AS THE XORDA. THEY STARTED FIGHTING MONTHS AGO, AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY'LL EVER STOP.
HELLO, SONIC. WELCOME BACK TO WHAT'S LEFT OF THE RING-WORLD.
THE PROWERS!

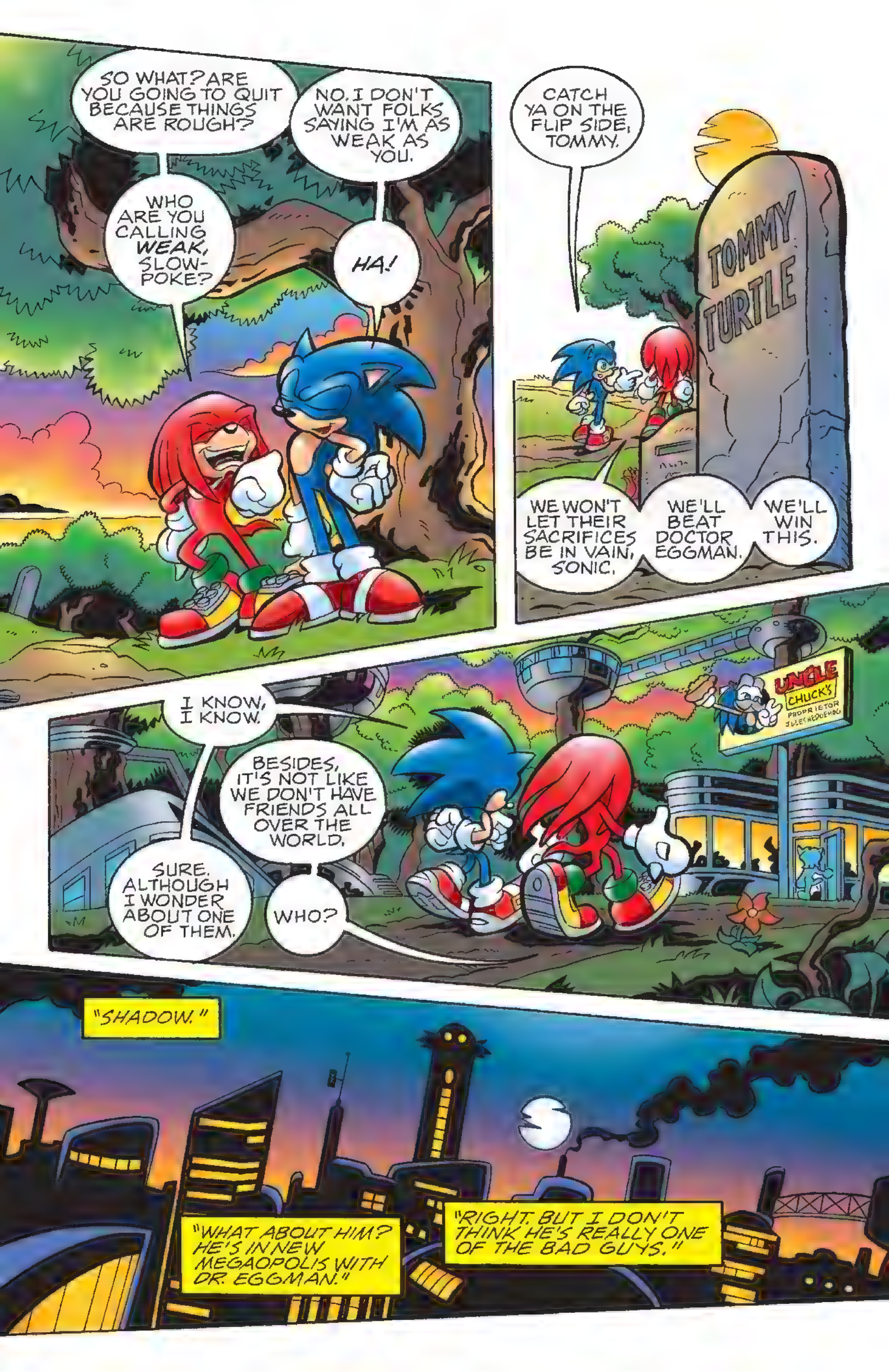

HOLD THAT THOUGHT!
WHOOSH!


HERE WE GO! SEE WHAT YOU MISSED, YOU SPAZ!?
WHOOSH!


MERLIN!
ROSEMARY ...IT'S BEEN SO LONG.
I KNEW YOU'D COME FOR US IN TIME.
I HELPED, BUT A GREAT DEAL OF THE THANKS GOES TO YOUR SON.
GO ON, YOU DOOF.
I'M GOIN', I'M GOIN'...
OUR SON...
MILES... YOU'RE ALREADY SO BIG AND HANDSOME.
E-EVERY-BODY CALLS M-ME ...TAILS.
THEN "TAILS" IT IS.
I'M NEVER LETTING GO OF YOU AGAIN!
YOU'RE STILL OUR BOY.
FWAKK!

LATER... AT CASTLE ACORN...
GENERAL AND LADY PROWER! ON BEHALF OF THE KINGDOM OF KNOTHOLE, I WELCOME YOU HOME!
THE PLEASURE IS OURS, YOUR MAJESTY.
SO MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE ROSEMARY AND I WERE RESCUED BY THE BEM.
I WILL UNDERSTAND IF IT TAKES YOU AND YOUR WIFE SOME TIME TO GET ADJUSTED, GENERAL AMADEUS.
THANK YOU, SIRE, BUT I DOUBT IT WILL TAKE LONG.
WE'RE VERY ENCOURAGED TO FIND KNOT-HOLE HAS GROWN TO BE SUCH A PROSPEROUS PLACE. AND THAT YOU HAVE BECOME KING.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HAPPY I AM TO HEAR SUCH PRAISE. WILL YOU CONSIDER JOINING MY COURT OF ACORN AND BUILD AN EVER-BETTER KNOTHOLE?
THERE'S NO NEED TO CONSIDER, SIRE. I DEFINITELY WANT TO BE PART OF KNOTHOLE'S FUTURE.
OUR TIME ABROAD HAS EXPOSED ME TO MANY NEW AND WONDERFUL IDEAS. I HOPE TO SHARE THEM WITH THE KINGDOM SOON.


MEANWHILE --THE KNOTHOLE CEMETERY.
TOMMY TURTLE
SIR CONNERY
THERE YOU ARE. I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU ALL DAY, GIRL.
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT, TRUE BLUE.
AH. WELL, IT'S WHAT I'VE COME TO EXPECT FROM YOU, RAD RED.
STILL HAVEN'T SEEN FIONA?
NOPE.
I CAN SEE WHY. THIS IS A TERRIBLE SPOT FOR A DATE.
OH, YEAH? SEEMS RIGHT UP JULIE-SU'S ALLEY.
YOU LEAVE MY GIRL OUT OF THIS.
WHY ARE YOU OUT HERE? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BE SO MORBID.
I'M STILL HURTIN' OVER TOMMY AND SIR CONNERY.
WE DON'T USUALLY LOSE SO MANY SO FAST.
RIGHT. LIKE ALL MY FOREFATHERS IN THE BROTHER-HOOD.*
THEM, TOO. AND WITH THE RISE IN THE VILLAIN-COUNT, THINGS MIGHT GET EVEN WORSE.
*WE FOUND OUT THEY WENT MISSING IN STH # 139.


SO WHAT? ARE YOU GOING TO QUIT BECAUSE THINGS ARE ROUGH?
NO. I DON'T WANT FOLKS SAYING I'M AS WEAK AS YOU.
WHO ARE YOU CALLING WEAK, SLOW-POKE?
HA!
CATCH YA ON THE FLIP SIDE, TOMMY.
TOMMY TURTLE
WE WON'T LET THEIR SACRIFICES BE IN VAIN, SONIC.
WE'LL BEAT DOCTOR EGGMAN.
WE'LL WIN THIS.
I KNOW, I KNOW.
BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE WE DON'T HAVE FRIENDS ALL OVER THE WORLD.
SURE. ALTHOUGH I WONDER ABOUT ONE OF THEM.
WHO?
UNCLE CHUCK'S
PROPRIETOR JULES HEDGEHOG
"SHADOW."
"WHAT ABOUT HIM? HE'S IN NEW MEGAOPOLIS WITH DR. EGGMAN."
"RIGHT. BUT I DON'T THINK HE'S REALLY ONE OF THE BAD GUYS."

"I THINK HE'S CONFUSED.
"...AND ONCE HE GETS THINGS FIGURED OUT..."
"...HE'LL DO THE RIGHT THING."
DOCTOR EGGMAN!
SHADOW? WHAT IS IT?
YOU'VE KEPT PROFESSOR GERALD'S DIARY A SECRET! IT HAS THE ANSWERS I NEED. YOU WILL GIVE IT TO ME. NOW!
COME BACK TO US FOR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #171 WHEN SHADOW CAN FINALLY ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHO "I AM!"

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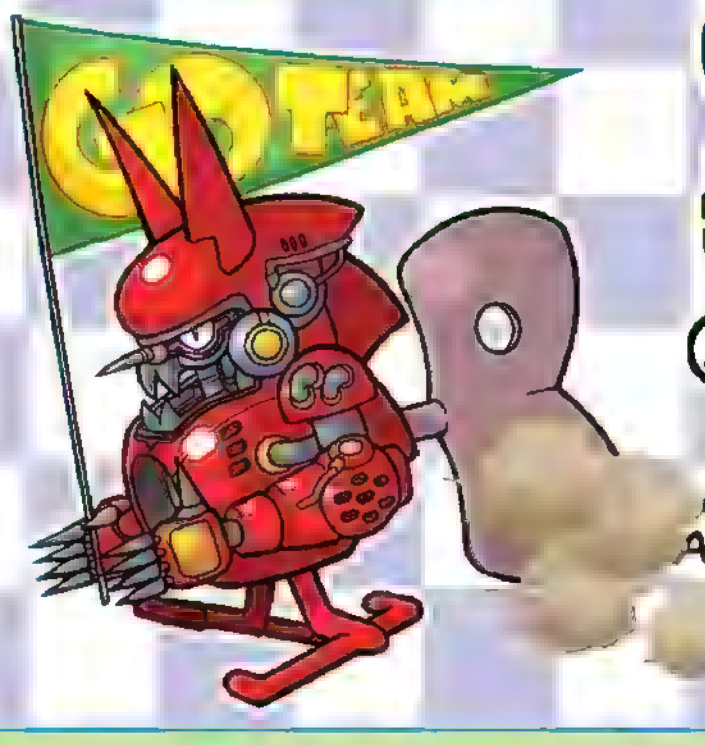

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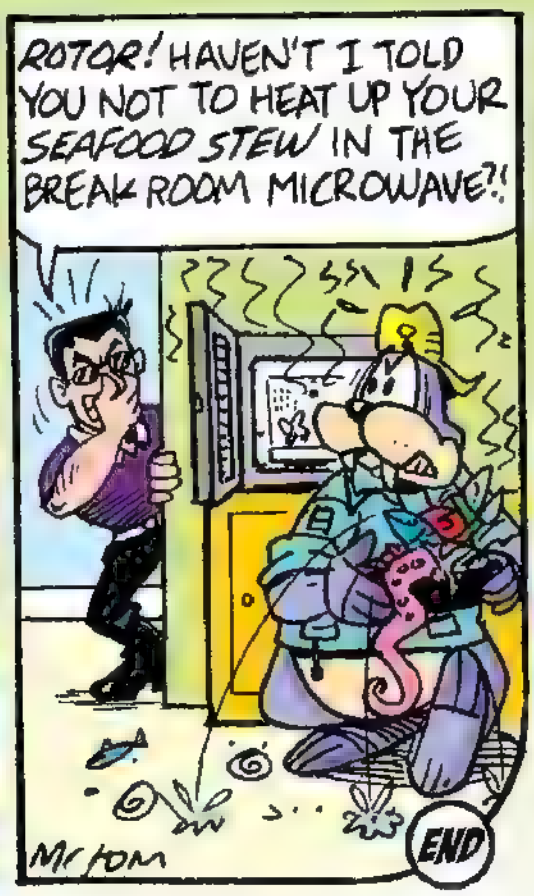

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN THE ISLAND OF MISFIT BADNIKS!

THIS IS MY FIRST DAY OFF IN A LONG TIME! I THOUGHT I'D TAKE A TRIP TO THE GREAT FOREST WHERE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS STARTED OUT!

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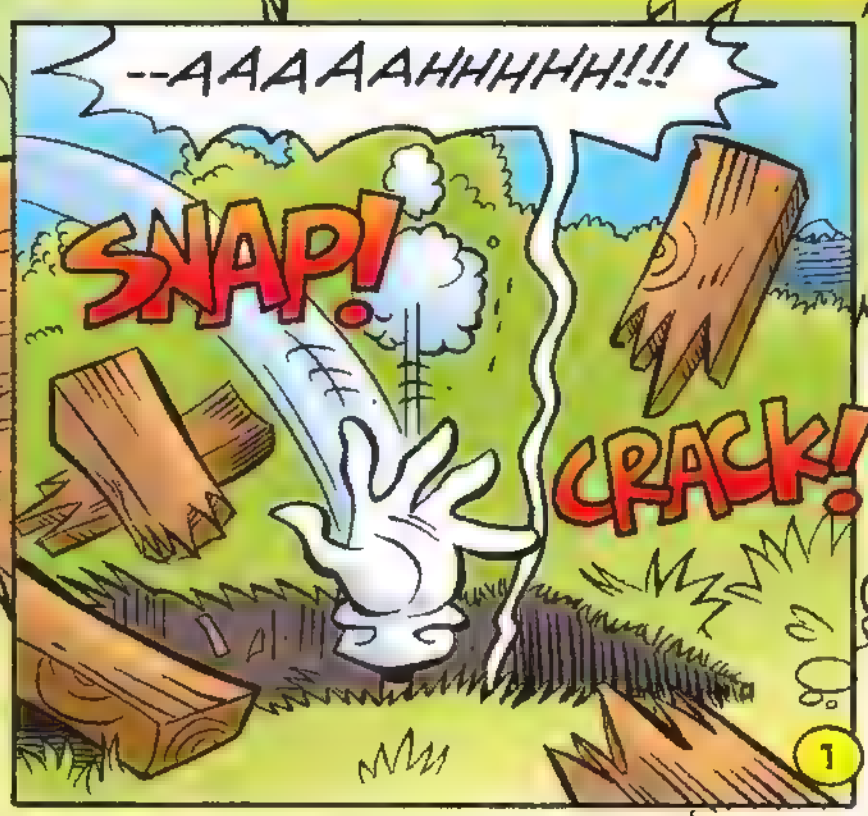
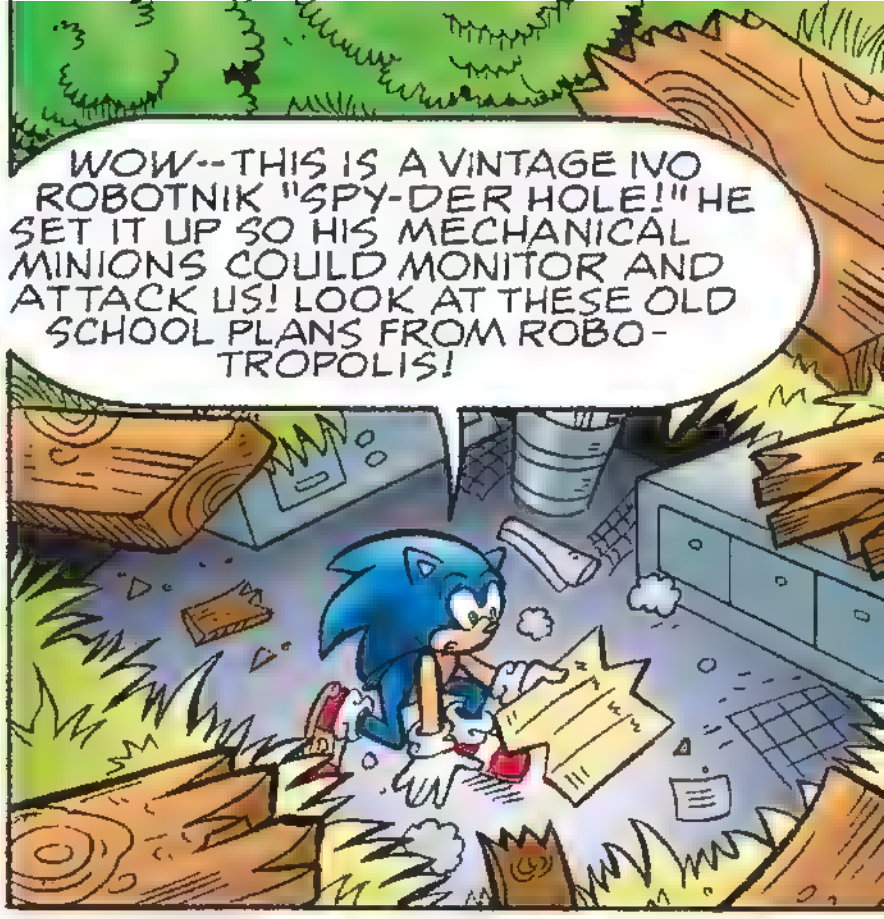
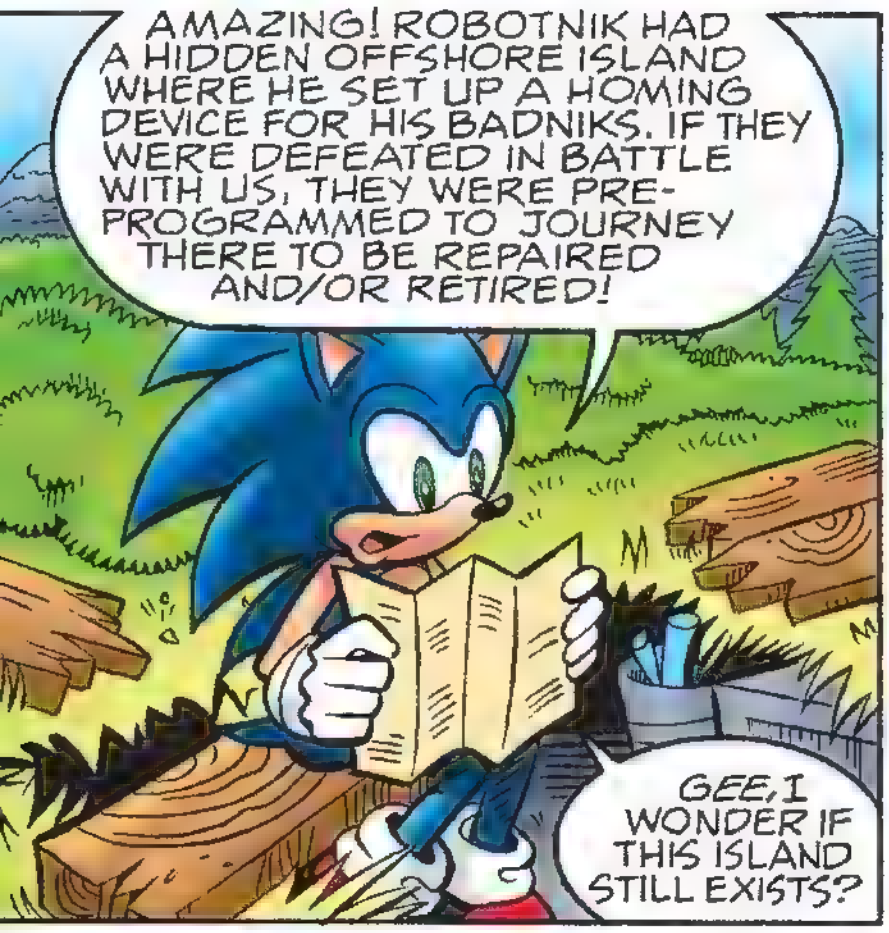
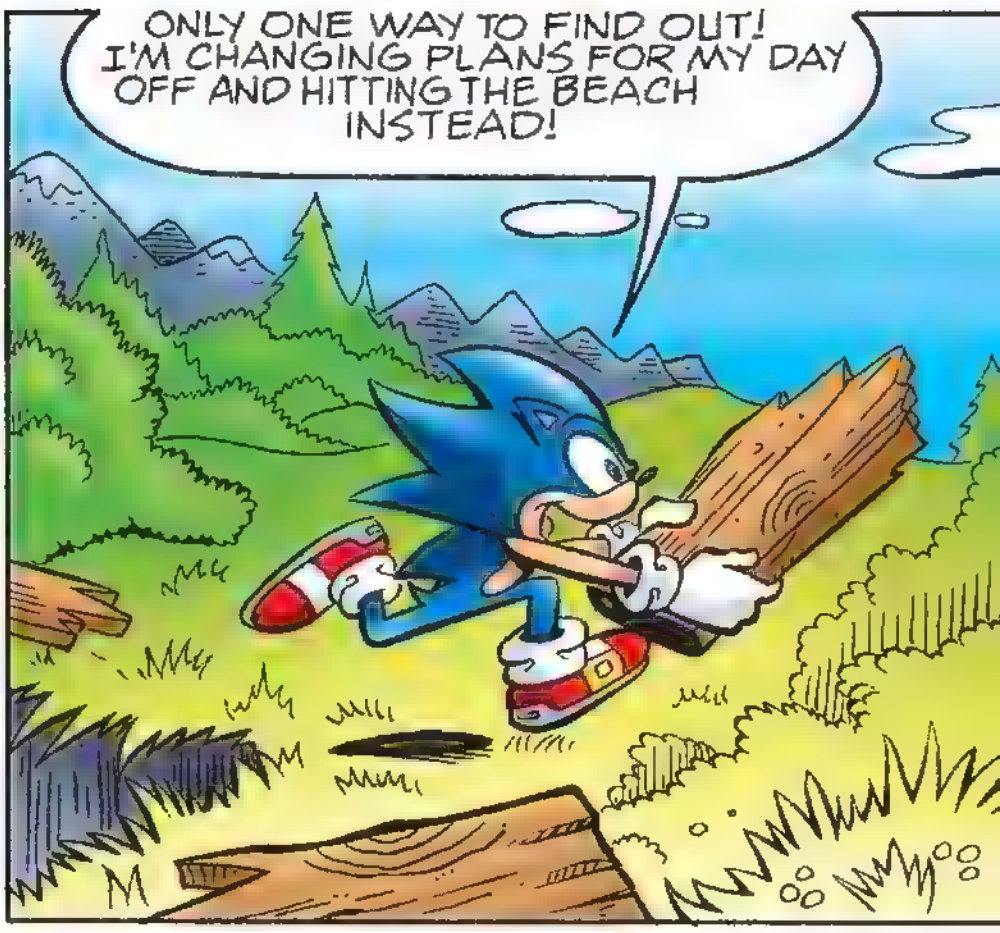


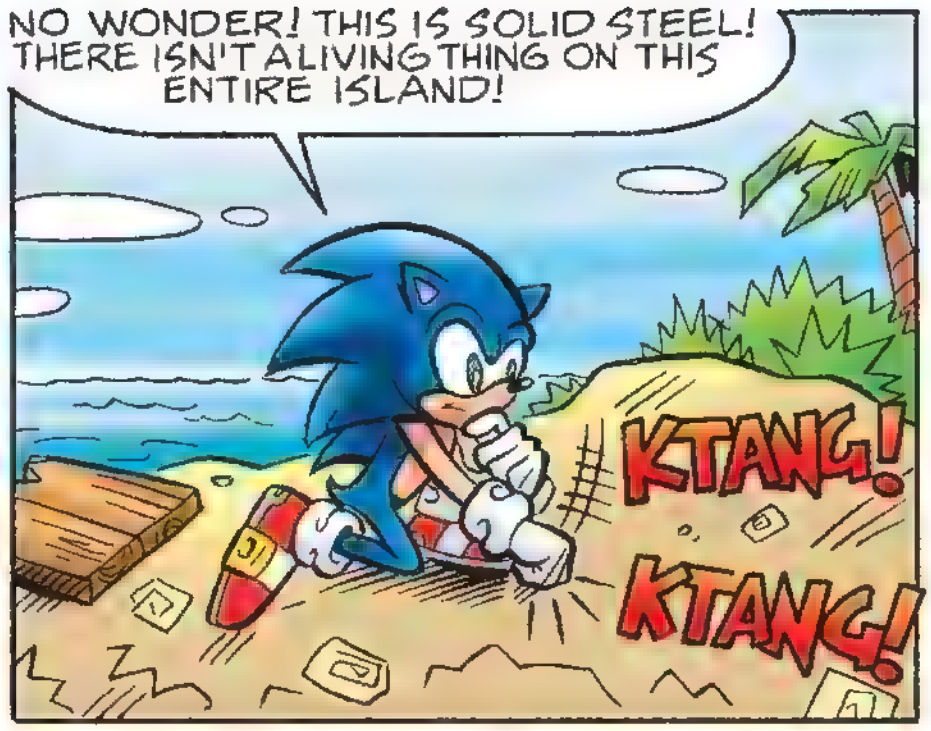
WHAT HAVE I STUMBLED ONTO...OR INTO...OR BOTH?

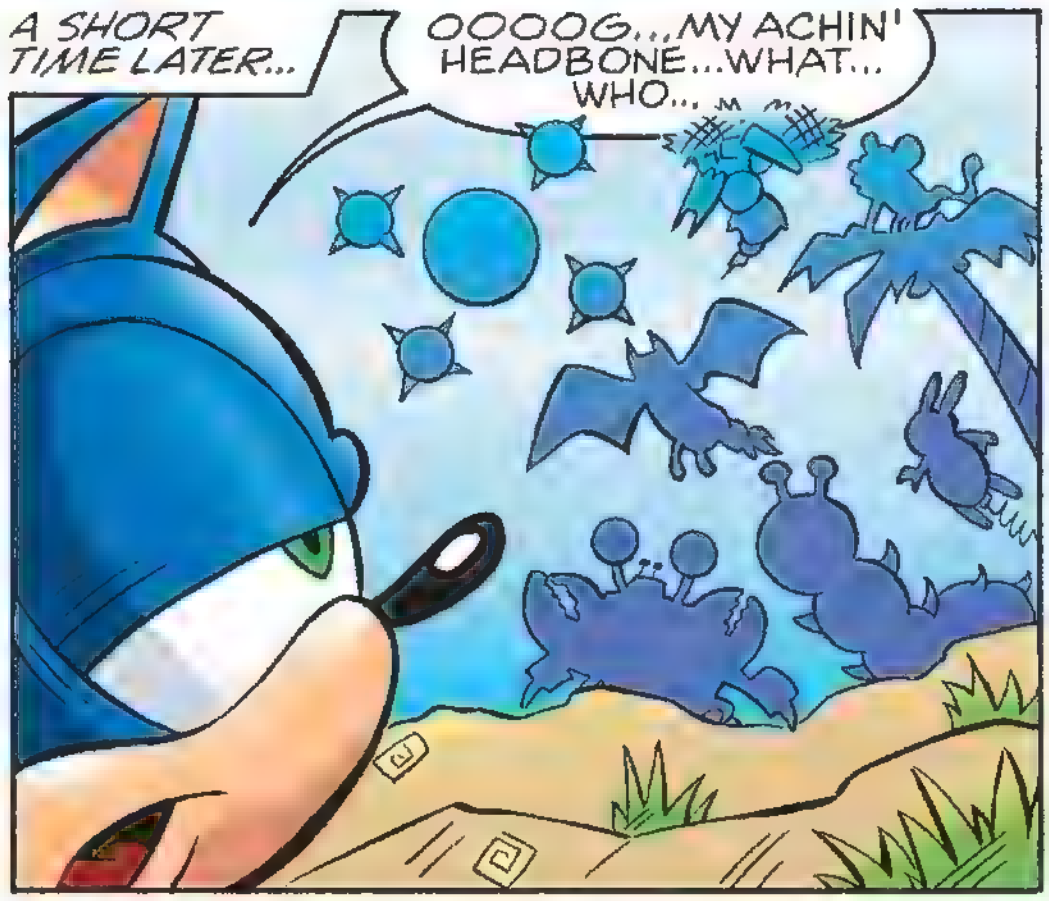

WOW--THIS IS A VINTAGE IVO ROBOTNIK "SPY-DER HOLE!" HE SET IT UP SO HIS MECHANICAL MINIONS COULD MONITOR AND ATTACK US! LOOK AT THESE OLD SCHOOL PLANS FROM ROBO-TROPOLIS!


AMAZING! ROBOTNIK HAD A HIDDEN OFFSHORE ISLAND WHERE HE SET UP A HOMING DEVICE FOR HIS BADNIKS. IF THEY WERE DEFEATED IN BATTLE WITH US, THEY WERE PRE-PROGRAMMED TO JOURNEY THERE TO BE REPAIRED AND/OR RETIRED!
GEE, I WONDER IF THIS ISLAND STILL EXISTS?


ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT! I'M CHANGING PLANS FOR MY DAY OFF AND HITTING THE BEACH INSTEAD!

SOON...
THESE ARE THE ISLAND'S CO-ORDINATES FROM THE MAP, SO I SHOULD SEE...
WELL, CHILI MY DOGS! THERE IT IS!





BADNIKS!*

CORRECT, SONIC! YOU THOUGHT WE WERE OUT OF YOUR LIFE, BUT THINK AGAIN!

AND THINK FAST, BECAUSE THAT LIFE OF YOURS WILL BE ENDING SHORTLY!

ORBINAUT

JAWS

BAT BRAIN

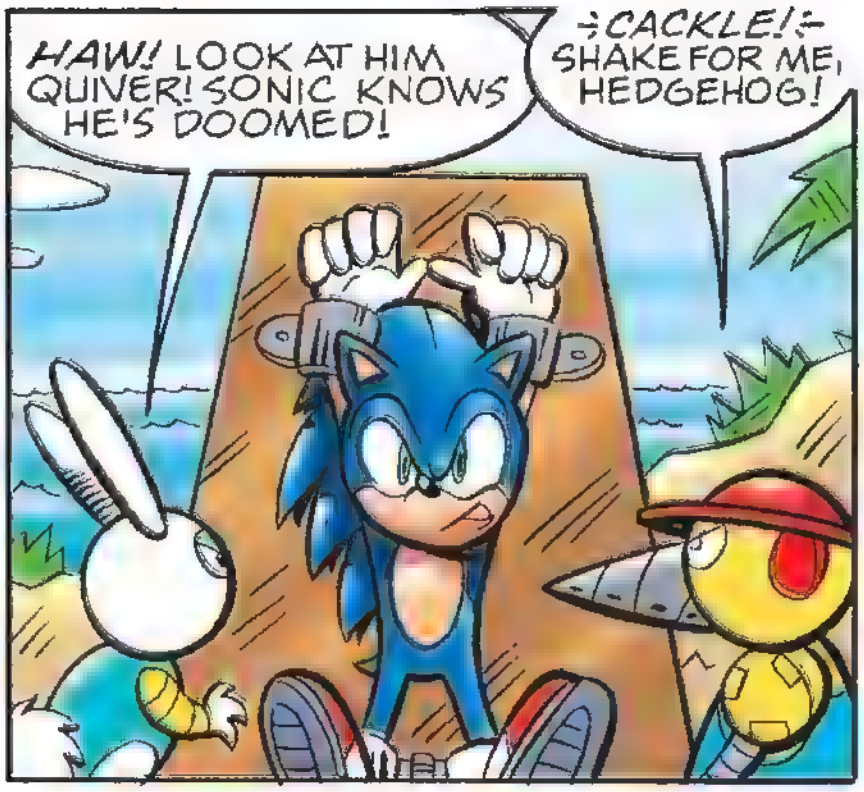
BURROBOT

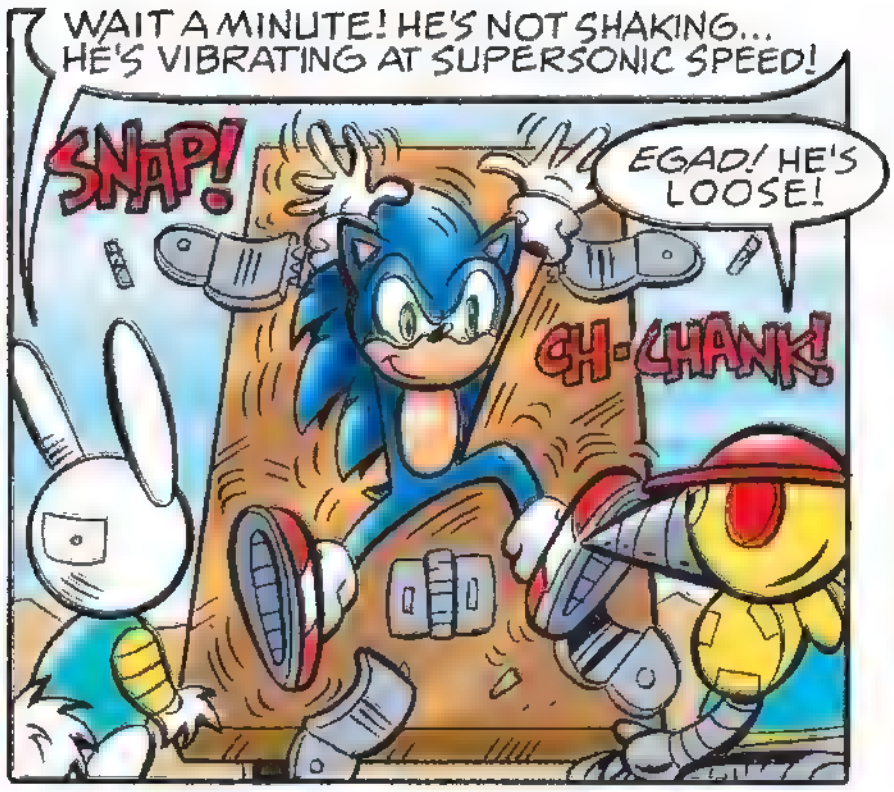
CRABMEAT

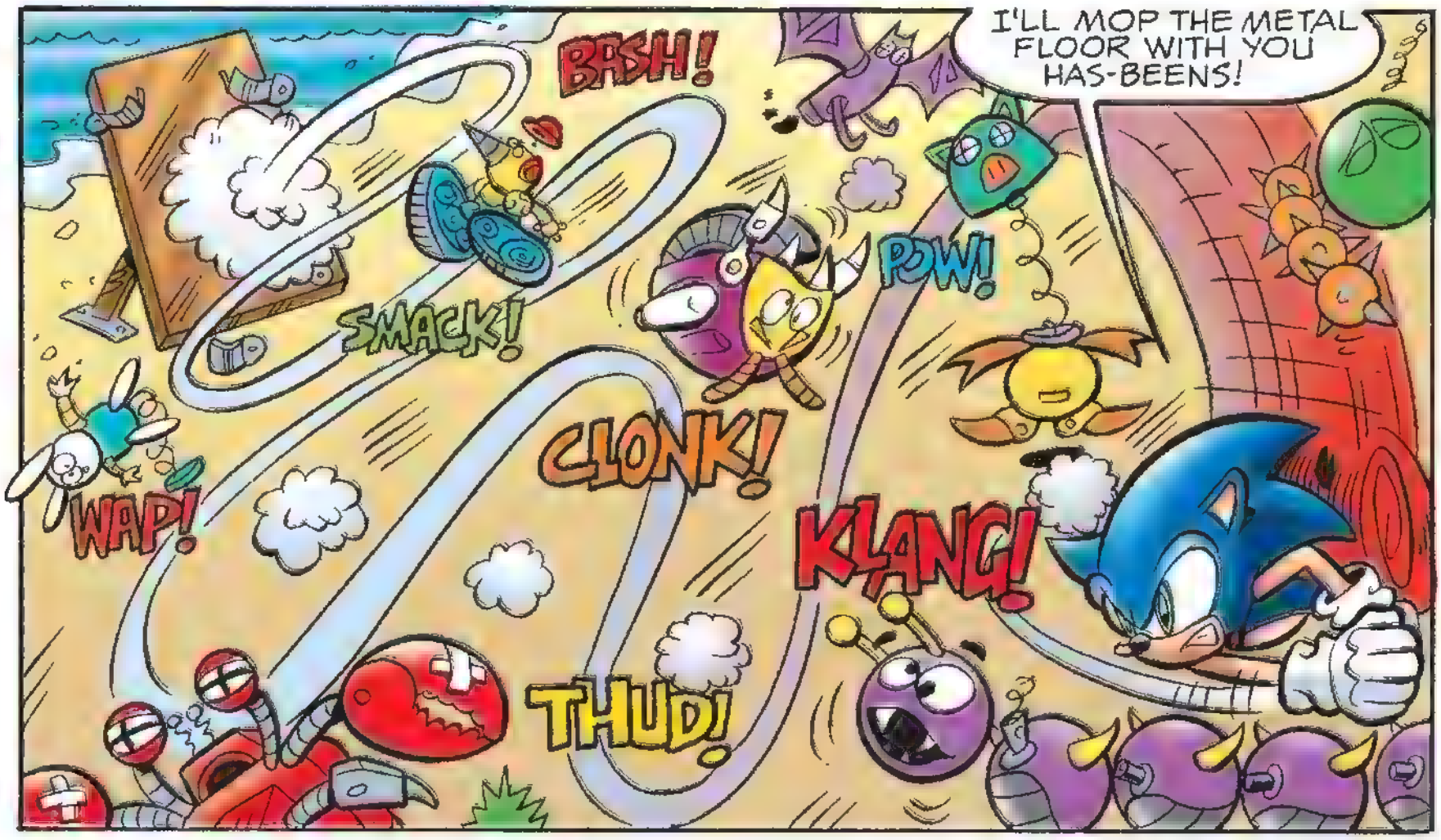
MOTO BUG

CATERKILLER

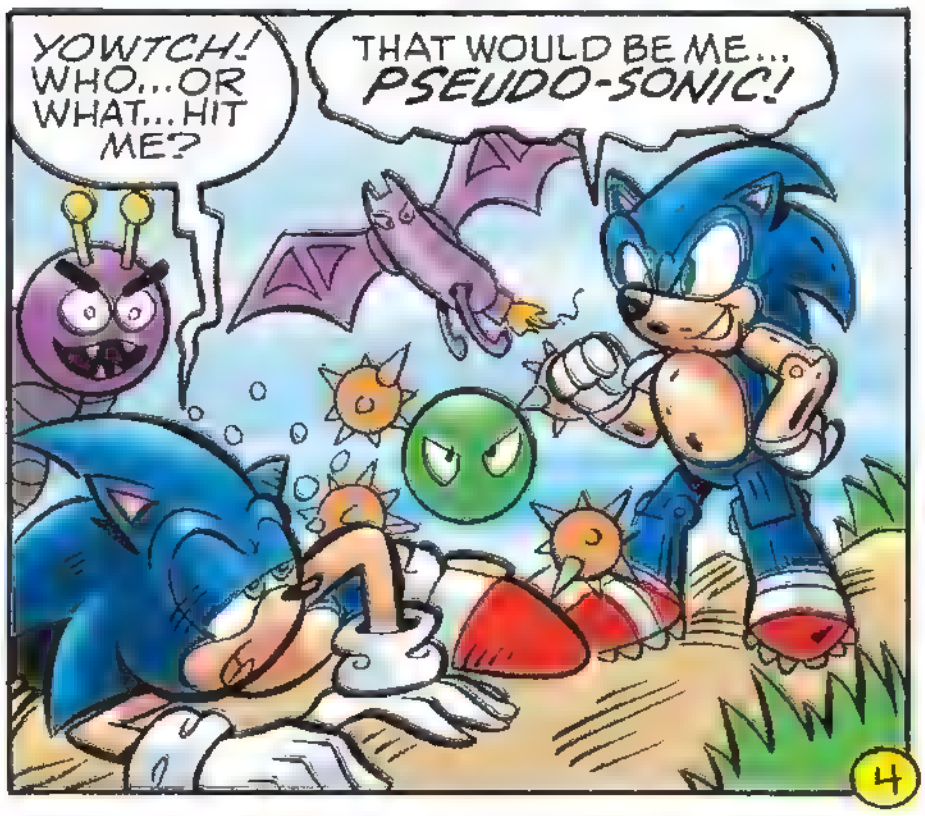
*THESE WERE ROBOTNIK'S ORIGINAL GOONS, FIRST FEATURED IN SONIC #0, THE PREMIERE ISSUE! CAN YOU SAY, "FEBRUARY OF '93?" --ANCIENT HISTORY PROFESSOR.


HAW! LOOK AT HIM QUIVER! SONIC KNOWS HE'S DOOMED!
÷CACKLE!÷ SHAKE FOR ME, HEDGEHOG!


WAIT A MINUTE! HE'S NOT SHAKING... HE'S VIBRATING AT SUPERSONIC SPEED!
SNAP!
EGAD! HE'S LOOSE!
CH-CHANK!


I'LL MOP THE METAL FLOOR WITH YOU HAS-BEENS!
BASH!
POW!
SMACK!
CLONK!
WAP!
KLANG!
THUD!

MOP THIS, FREEDOM FIGHTER!
KA-THROK!
WHOOUF!
÷SNICKER!÷


YOWTCH! WHO...OR WHAT...HIT ME?
THAT WOULD BE ME... PSEUDO-SONIC!

YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME BECAUSE WE NEVER ACTUALLY MET! BUT IN MY DAY, I WAS THE ULTIMATE CREATION OF IVO ROBOTNIK ...THE FIRST MECHANIZED VERSION OF YOU!

"BACK THEN, ROBOTNIK WAS OBSESSED WITH DISCOVERING THE LOCATION OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' SECRET HIDEOUT. I SNUCK INTO KNOTHOLE, HOPING TO CONFRONT YOU!

"UNFORTUNATELY, YOU WERE ABSENT...DISABLED WITH A BAD DOSE OF POISON SUMAC!

Scratch Scratch Scratch Scratch Itch Itch Itch

"YOUR APPRENTICE TAILS DISABLED AND DISASSEMBLED ME BY CREATING A FIELD OF STATIC ELECTRICITY. SADLY, I NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO GO TOE-TO-TOE WITH YOU!"*

CRACKLE

ZOOSH!

WELL, IF THAT'S ALL YOU WANT...

*A BRIEF RECAP OF THE EVENTS IN STH # 9... A MUST-HAVE FOR TRUE BLUE BLUR FANS! --PELLEDORITO!

...I'M HAPPY TO OBLIGE YOU, RETRO-ROBOZO!

TWACK!

Gurkle!

I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME TO DO THIS!

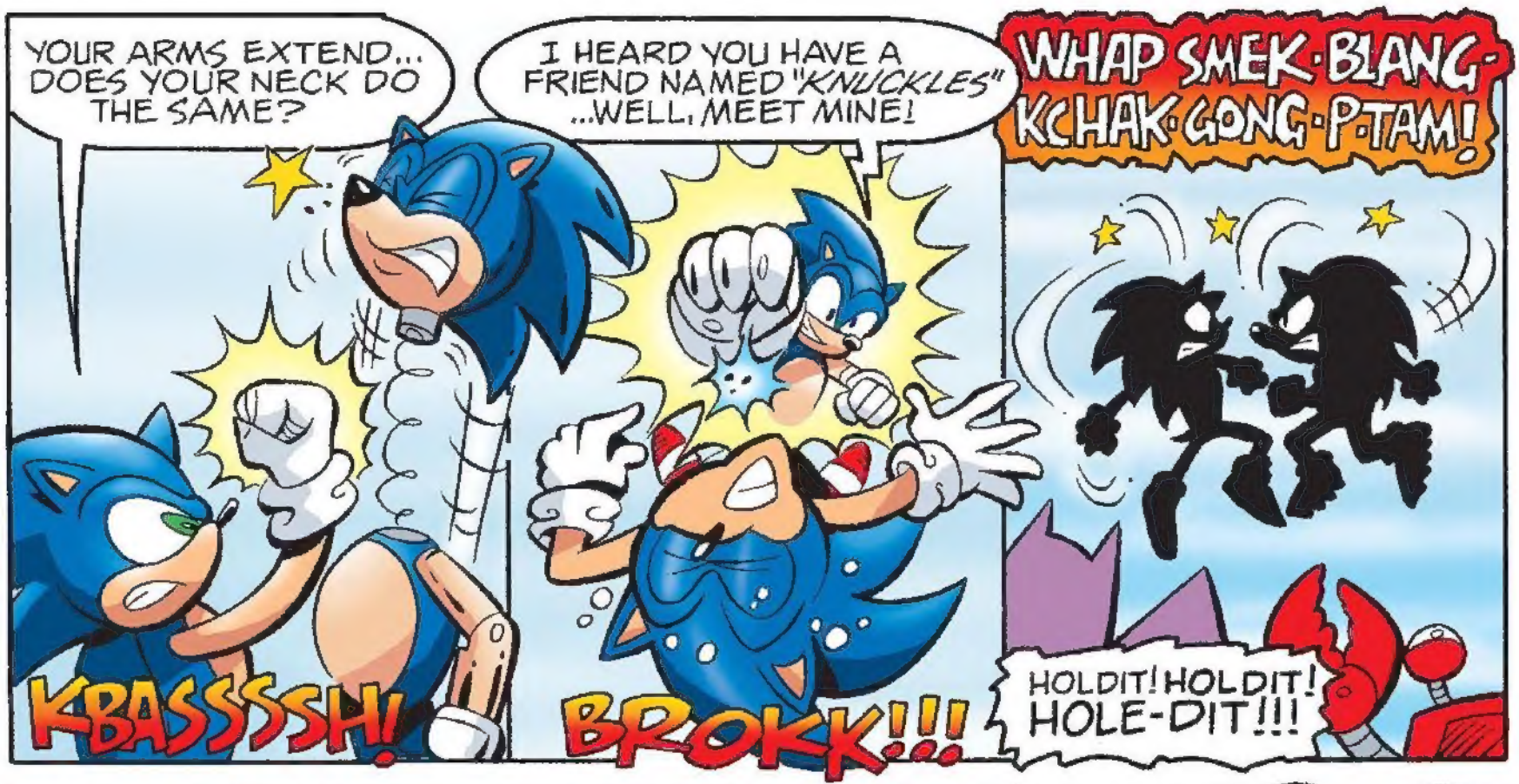
VZZZZZZ-CH-KOW!

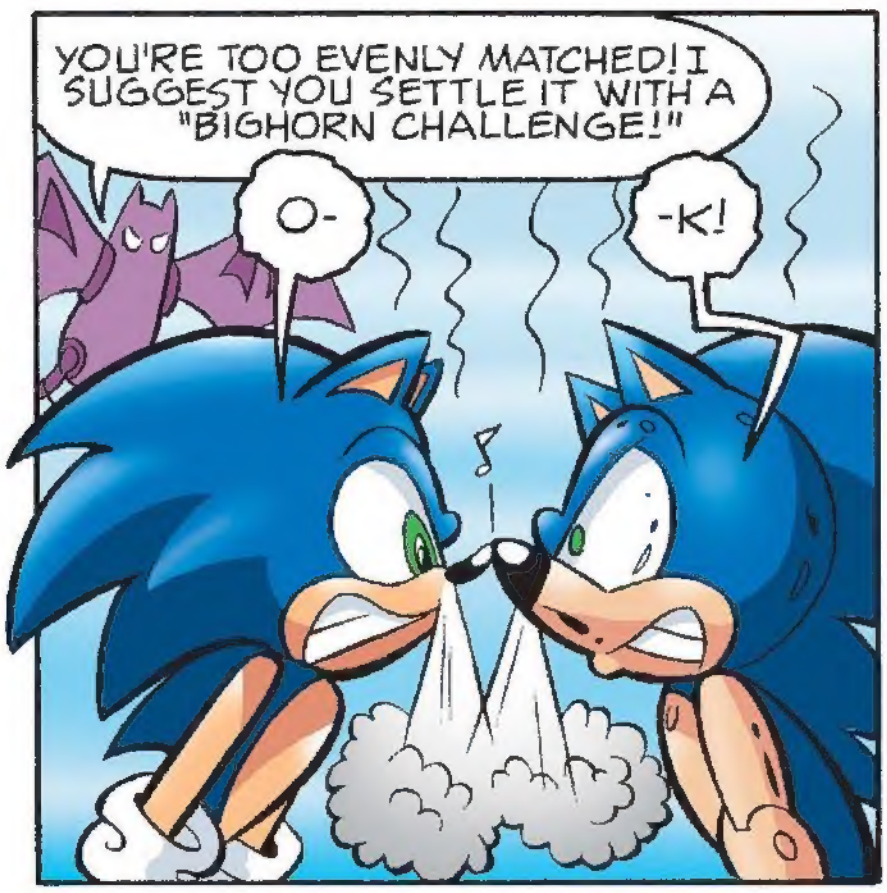
UGGA!

OH, YEAH!

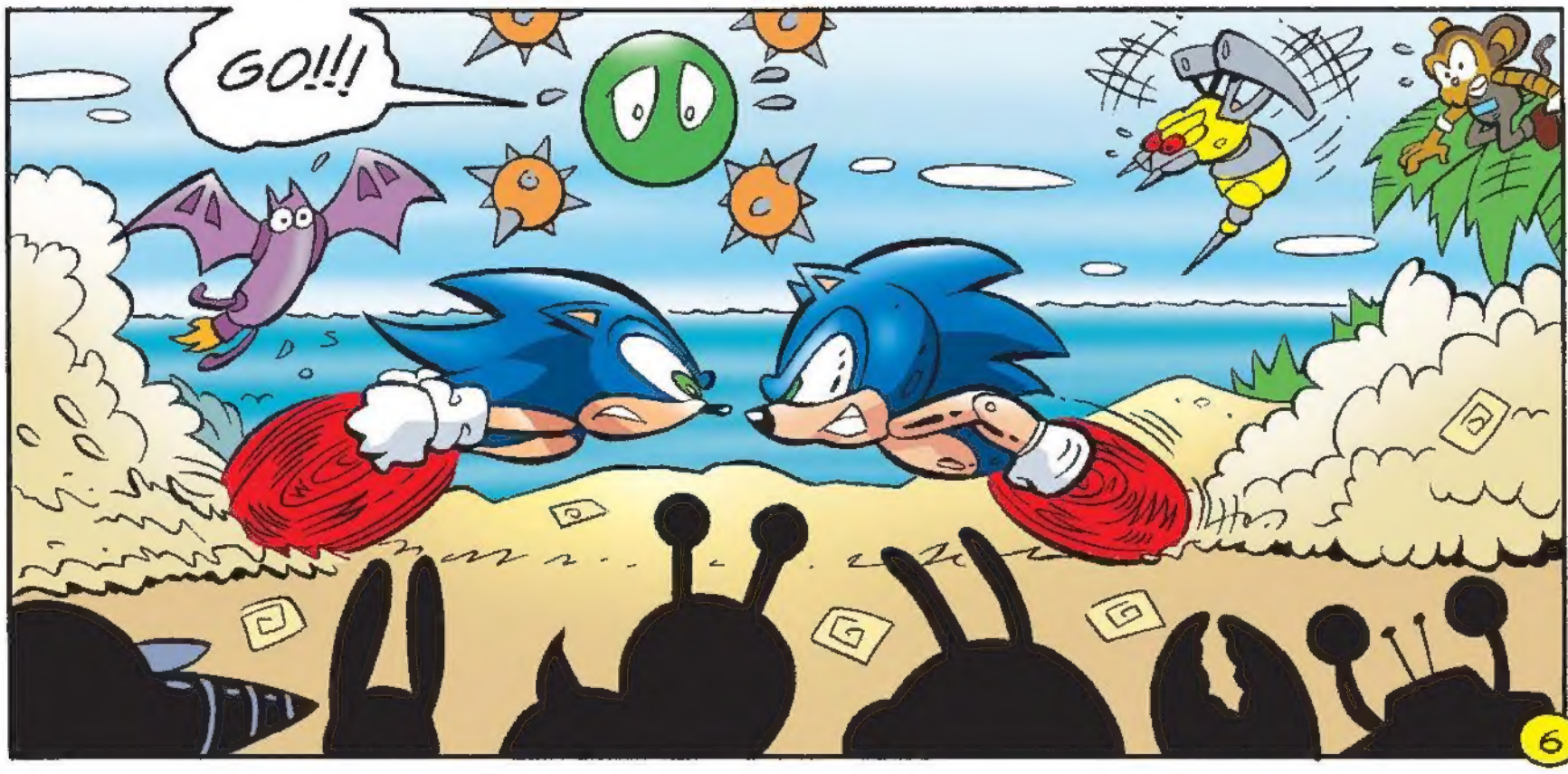
DUDE!

A PALPABLE HIT!

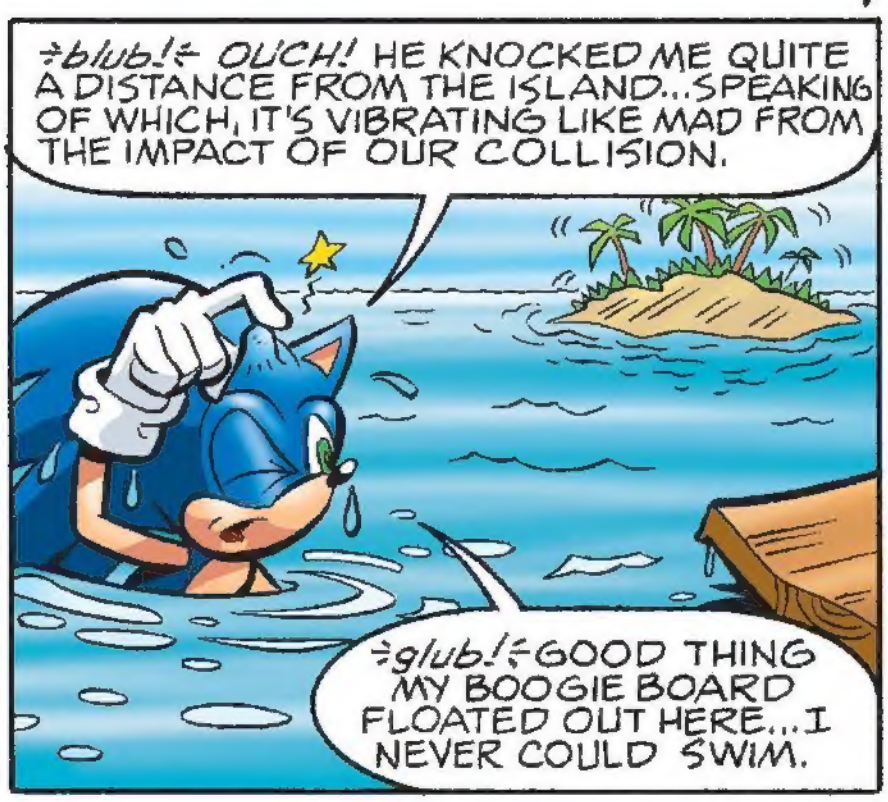

YOUR ARMS EXTEND... DOES YOUR NECK DO THE SAME?
I HEARD YOU HAVE A FRIEND NAMED "KNUCKLES" ...WELL, MEET MINE!
WHAP SMEK·BLANG·KCHAK·GONG·P·TAM!
KBASSSSH!
BROKK!!!
HOLDIT! HOLDIT! HOLE-DIT!!!

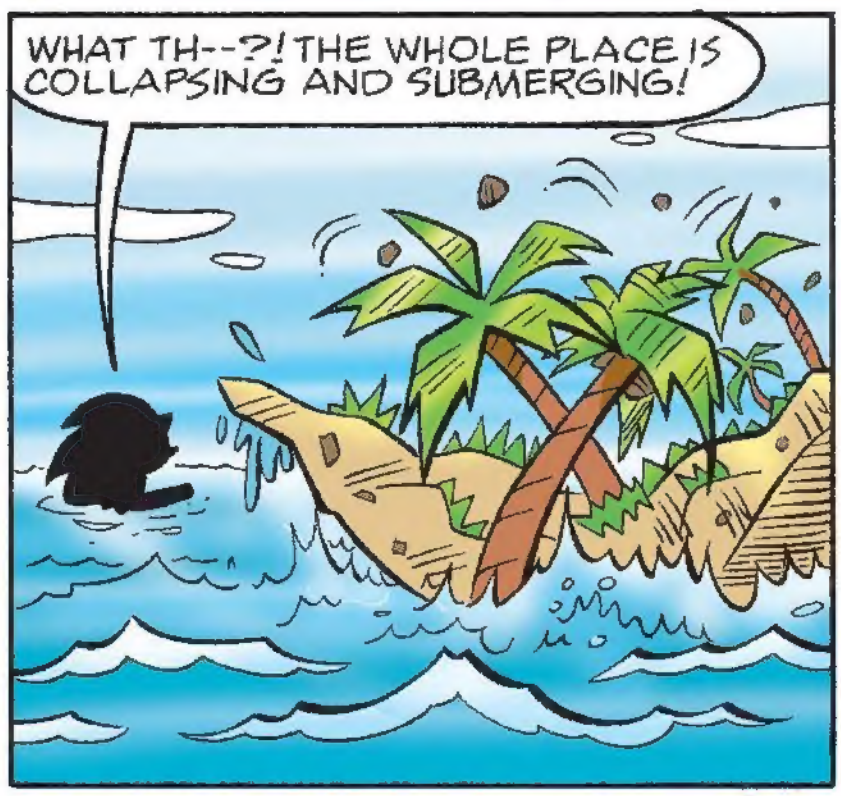

YOU'RE TOO EVENLY MATCHED! I SUGGEST YOU SETTLE IT WITH A "BIGHORN CHALLENGE!"
O-
-K!

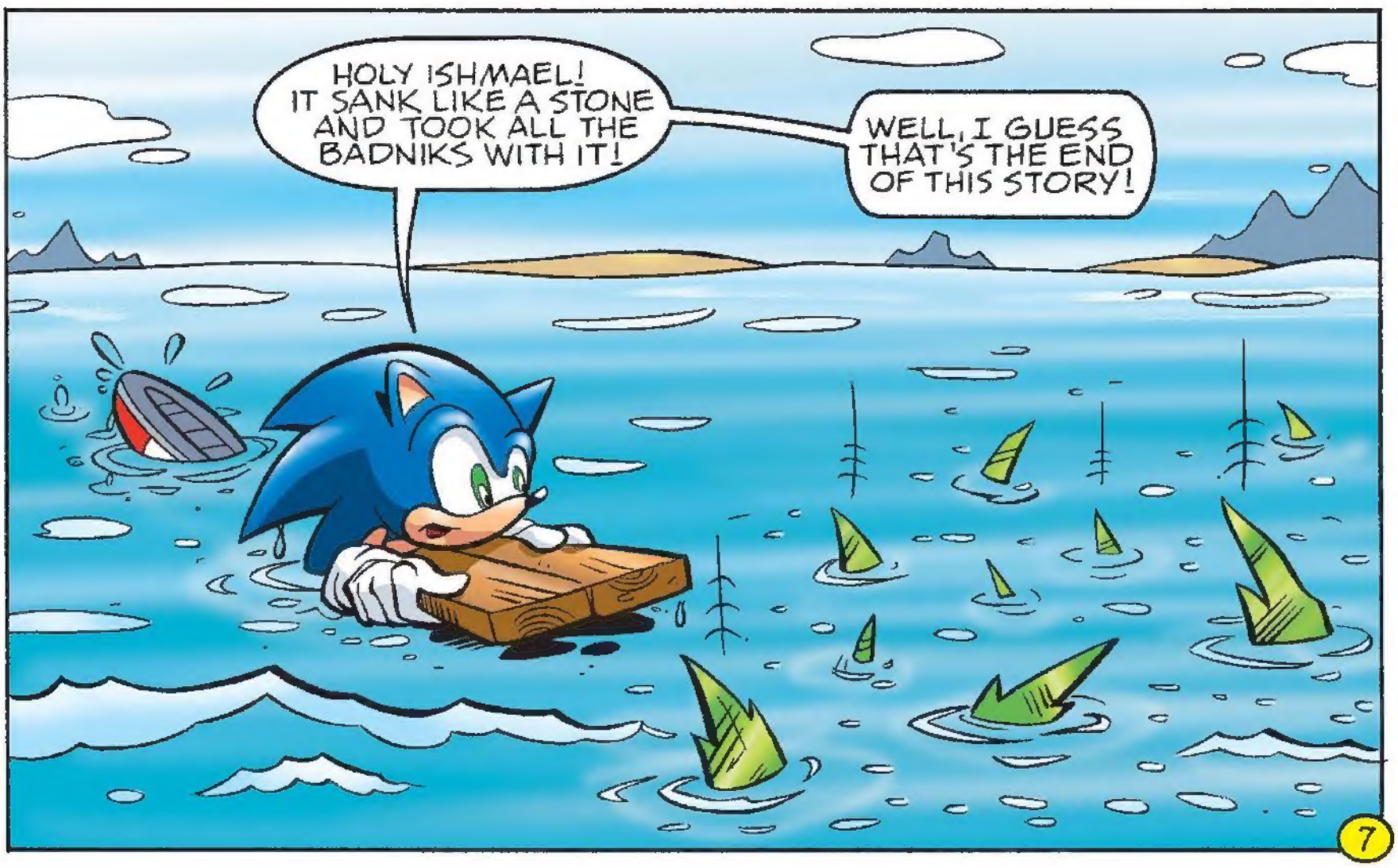
YOU KNOW THE RULES...FROM FIFTY PACES, BOTH OF YOU RUN AT EACH OTHER AT FULL SPEED AND BUTT HEADS. WHOEVER SURVIVES IS THE WINNER! ON YOUR MARK...
...GET SET...

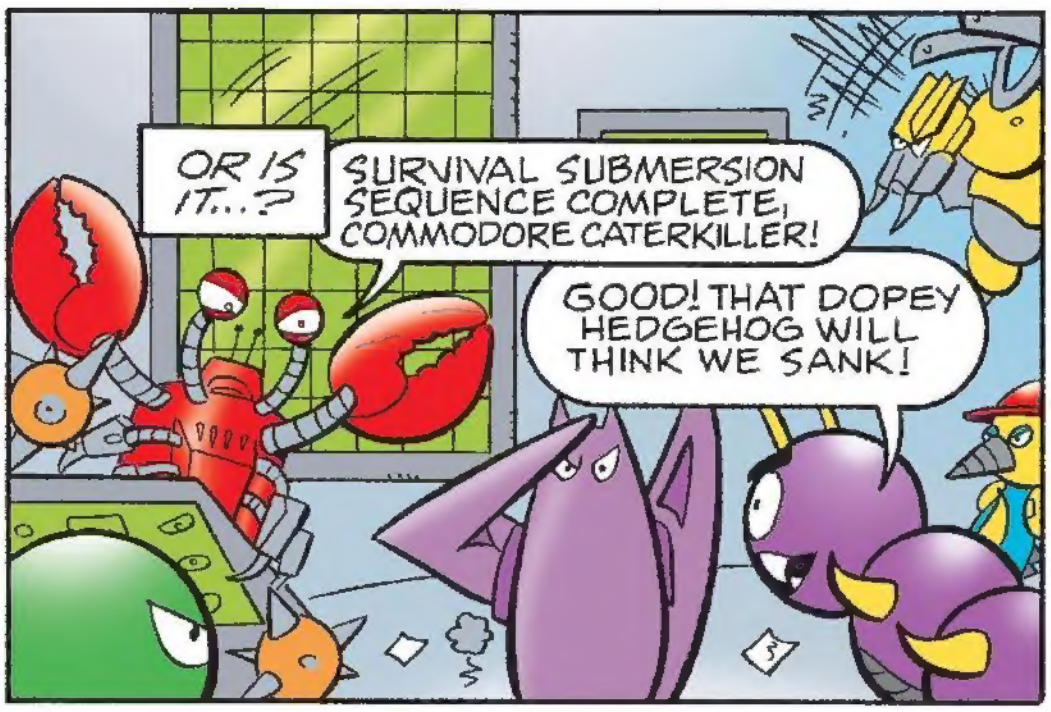

GO!!!

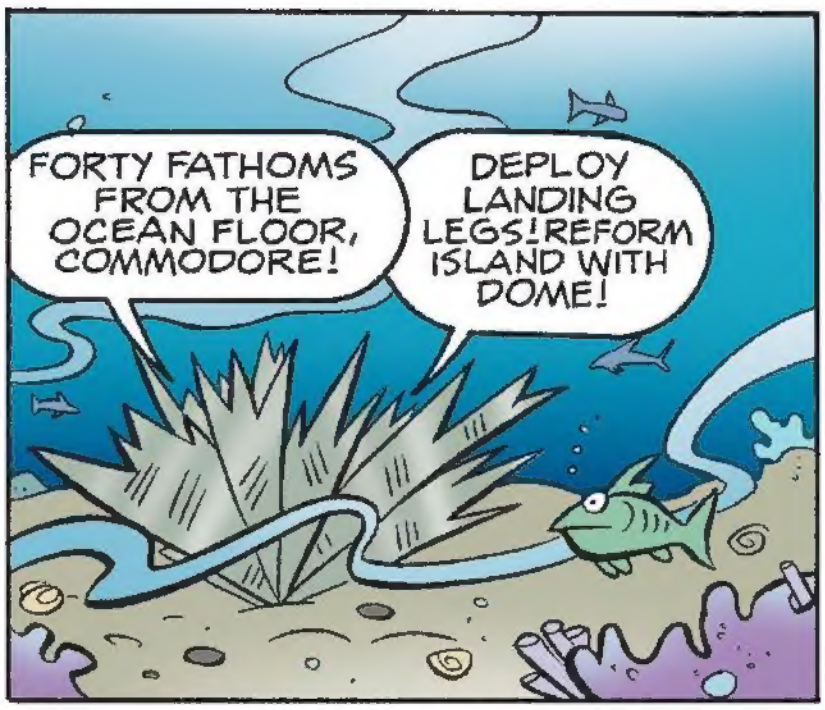
SK-BLANG!

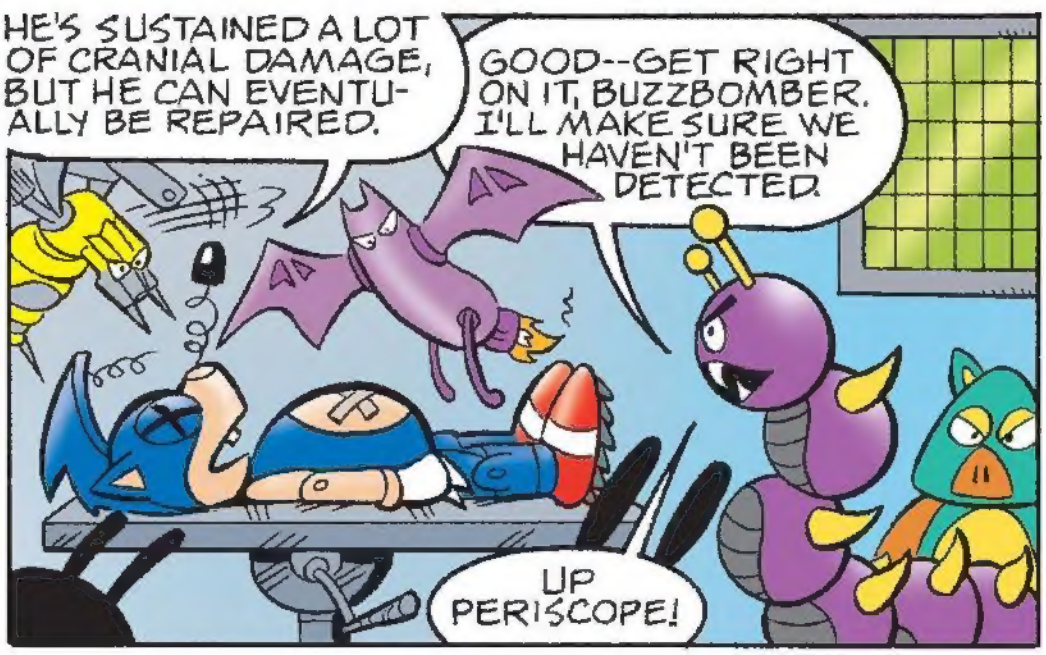

÷blub!÷ OUCH! HE KNOCKED ME QUITE A DISTANCE FROM THE ISLAND...SPEAKING OF WHICH, IT'S VIBRATING LIKE MAD FROM THE IMPACT OF OUR COLLISION.
÷glub!÷ GOOD THING MY BOOGIE BOARD FLOATED OUT HERE...I NEVER COULD SWIM.

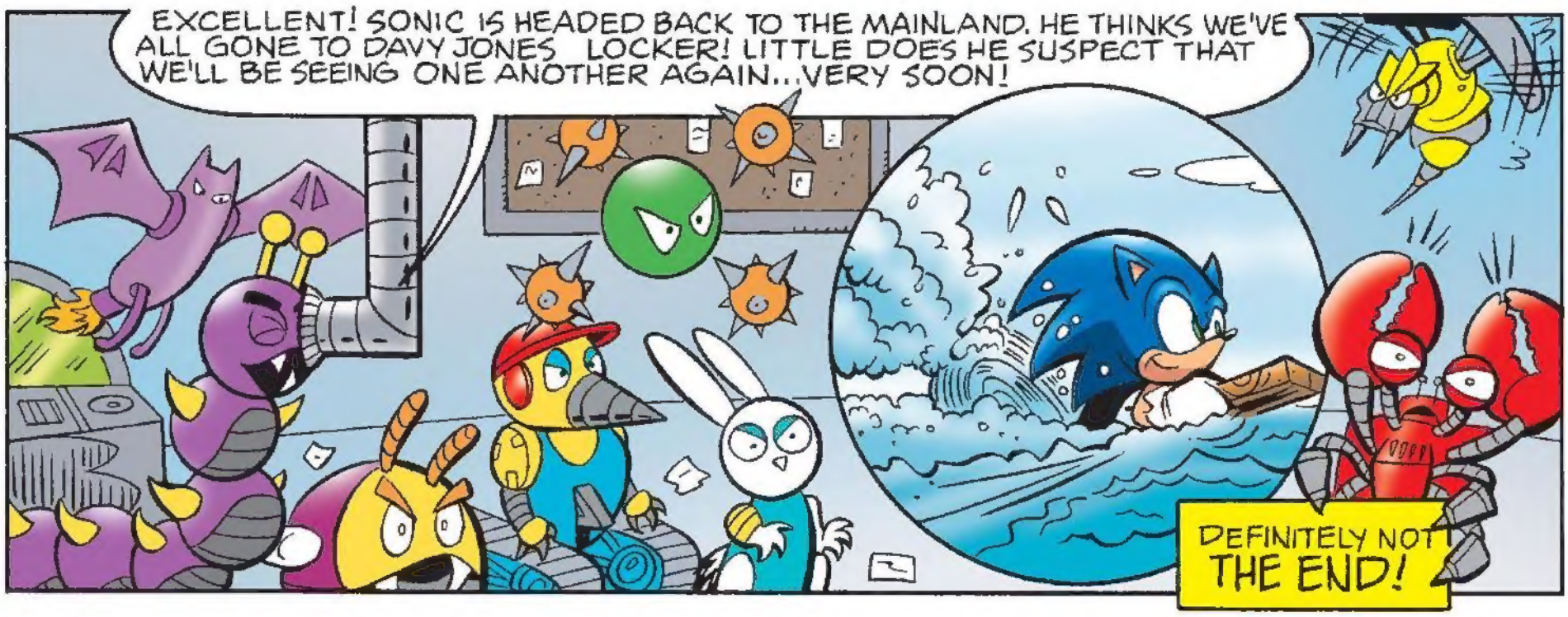

WHAT TH--?! THE WHOLE PLACE IS COLLAPSING AND SUBMERGING!


HOLY ISHMAEL! IT SANK LIKE A STONE AND TOOK ALL THE BADNIKS WITH IT!
WELL, I GUESS THAT'S THE END OF THIS STORY!









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